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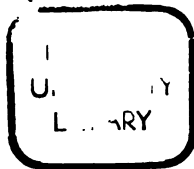
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*To the Brave Americans*

WHO SERVED THEIR COUNTRY IN PRIVATEERS AND  
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IN THE YEARS 1812, '13, AND '14.

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## PREFACE.

ALTHOUGH far advanced on the voyage of life, and sensible of the magnitude of the work he has undertaken, yet the author of this volume felt that his duty was unperformed while the History of the American Privateers and Letters-of-Marque remained unwritten.

High places in the temple of fame have been justly awarded to very many, who, in the national employment, have achieved exploits not more brilliant, displayed courage not more daring, seamanship not more masterly, coolness in danger not more remarkable than abound in the records of the private armed service.

But the brave and patriotic men who adorned that service, instead of being awarded a proud niche in that temple, have encountered neglect, and even obloquy. No testimonials of national gratitude have rewarded their blood-bought victories, and their invaluable services in crippling the resources of the common enemy. But their motives have been assailed, and cupidity and a desire for booty imputed to them as the impulses which led to their bold achievements.

It has been the object of the author to vindicate their characters, as well as to record their triumphs. If

he fails to prove that their purposes were elevated and patriotic, and that they were most efficient in weakening the arm of our powerful and inveterate adversary, he has failed to do justice to his theme, and to the truth of history. He could have wished that the subject had fallen into abler hands ; but he can, at least, bring to it fidelity of statement, and knowledge derived from his personal intimacy and frequent communication, both at home and abroad, with many of the commanders of Privateers and Letters-of-Marque, during the war, and since.

He has been aided much in his collection of facts by information received from the Captains and Officers of the United States Navy, especially from Commodores Hull and Stewart, as well as from other intelligent gentlemen who bore an active part in the great conflict between the two nations. He has also found in many of the newspapers and other periodicals of 1812, 1813, and 1814, valuable official and statistical documents, especially in the excellent and accurate Register of Mr. Niles, published at Baltimore. Many of the facts recorded in these pages will also be found verified by Cooper's History of the United States Navy.

The author, himself, commanded, during the war, two Letters-of-Marque, the Schooners " David Porter " and " Leo," and at this late day, recollects almost all the important incidents of the war as distinctly as though they had occurred within the last two years.

It has been the author's aim to give the name of every Privateer and Letter-of-Marque which sailed from

our ports during the war, and he believes that he has done so, though a few may have been employed of which he finds no record.

He has also endeavored to give the names of the commanders of each vessel, but probably has not succeeded in every instance, as the Captains were sometimes changed during cruises, or were killed in action, and succeeded by others, and in many instances promoted to other vessels.

Many prizes were destroyed at sea, and many a gallant "brush" with an enemy of superior force occurred, of which no official record was made: but which, had it been in the national service, would have entitled those who conducted it to promotion and fame.

The author has also endeavored, in his introduction, to show the justice of the war on our part, and to prove that it was waged purely in obedience to the great law of nations, as well as nature—self-defence.

England had virtually warred on our commerce for six or eight years, without our being able to obtain redress. Negotiation and remonstrance were finally exhausted, and we were compelled to resort to war as the last alternative of civilized nations.

The reader will pardon the assurance that whatever other deficiencies may be found in this volume, there has been no lack of a sincere intention to adhere to the strictest truth in its statements, and rather to incur the charge of scanty than exaggerated description of the exploits of our private armed service.



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# MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

FROM THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCER EXTRA.

4 o'clock P.M., June 18, 1812.

The injunction of secrecy was about an hour ago removed from the following message, report or manifesto, and act.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:*

I communicate to Congress certain documents, being a continuation of those heretofore laid before them, on the subject of our affairs with Great Britain.

Without going back beyond the renewal in 1803, of the war in which Great Britain is engaged, and omitting unrepaid wrongs of inferior magnitude, the conduct of her government presents a series of acts hostile to the United States as an independent and neutral nation.

British cruisers have been in the continued practice of violating the American flag on the great high way of nations, and of seizing and carrying off persons sailing under it; not in the exercise of a belligerent right, founded on the law of nations against an enemy, but of a municipal prerogative over British subjects. British jurisdiction is thus extended to neutral vessels in a situation where no laws can operate but the law of nations and the laws of the country to which the vessels belong; and a self-redress is assumed which, if British subjects were wrongfully detained and alone concerned, is that substitution of force, for a resort to the responsible sovereign, which falls within the

definition of war. Could the seizure of British subjects in such cases be regarded as within the exercise of a belligerent right, the acknowledged laws of war, which forbid an article of captured property to be adjudged without a regular investigation before a competent tribunal, would imperiously demand the fairest trial where the sacred rights of persons were at issue. In place of such a trial, these rights are subjected to the will of every petty commander.

The practice, hence, is so far from affecting British subjects alone, that, under the pretext of searching for these, thousands of American citizens, under the safeguard of public law, and of their national flag, have been torn from their country and from every thing dear to them; have been dragged on board ships of war of a foreign nation, and exposed, under the severities of their discipline, to be exiled to the most distant and deadly climes, to risk their lives in the battles of their oppressors, and to be the melancholy instruments of taking away those of their own brethren.

Against this crying enormity, which Great Britain would be so prompt to avenge if committed against herself, the United States have in vain exhausted remonstrances and expostulations. And that no proof might be wanting of their conciliatory dispositions, and no pretext left for a continuance of the practice, the British government was formally assured of the readiness of the United States to enter into arrangements, such as could not be rejected, if the recovery of British subjects were the real and sole object. The communication passed without effect.

British cruisers have been in the practice also of violating the rights and the peace of our coasts. They hover over and harass our entering and departing commerce. To the most insulting pretensions, they have added the most lawless proceedings in our very harbors; and have wantonly spilt American blood within the sanctuary of our territorial jurisdiction. The princi-

ples and rules enforced by that nation, when a neutral nation, against armed vessels of belligerents hovering near her coasts, and disturbing her commerce, are well known. When called on, nevertheless, by the United States to punish the greater offences committed by her own vessels, her government has bestowed on their commanders additional marks of honor and confidence.

Under pretended blockades, without the presence of an adequate force, and sometimes without the practicability of applying one, our commerce has been plundered in every sea; the great staples of our country have been cut off from their legitimate markets; and a destructive blow aimed at our agricultural and maritime interests. In aggravation of these predatory measures, they have been considered as in force from the dates of their notification; a retrospective effect being thus added, as has been done in other important cases, to the unlawfulness of the course pursued. And to render the outrage the more signal, these mock blockades have been reiterated and enforced in the face of official communications from the British government, declaring, as the true definition of a legal blockade "that particular ports must be actually invested, and previous warning given to vessels bound to them, not to enter."

Not content with these occasional expedients for laying waste our neutral trade, the cabinet of Great Britain resorted, at length, to the sweeping system of blockades, under the name of orders in council, which has been moulded and managed as might best suit its political views, its commercial jealousies, or the avidity of British cruisers.

To our remonstrances against the complicated and transcendent injustice of this innovation, the first reply was, that the orders were reluctantly adopted by Great Britain as a necessary retaliation on decrees of her enemy proclaiming a general blockade of the British Isles, at a time when the naval force of that enemy dared not to issue from his own ports. She was re-



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that a formality should be complied with in the United States,  
in the repeal of the French decrees, nowise necessary  
for the termination, nor exemplified by British usage; and that  
the repeal, besides including that portion of the

those decrees. And, as an additional insult, they are called on for a formal disavowal of conditions and pretensions advanced by the French government, for which the United States are so far from having made themselves responsible, that, in official explanations, which have been published to the world, and in a correspondence of the American minister at London with the British minister for foreign affairs, such a responsibility was explicitly and emphatically disclaimed.

It has become, indeed, sufficiently certain that the commerce of the United States is to be sacrificed, not as interfering with the belligerent rights of Great Britain, not as supplying the wants of her enemies, which she herself supplies, but as interfering with the monopoly which she covets for her own commerce and navigation. She carries on a war against the lawful commerce of a friend, that she may the better carry on a commerce polluted by the forgeries and perjuries which are, for the most part, the only passports by which it can succeed.

Anxious to make every experiment short of the last resort of injured nations, the United States have withheld from Great Britain, under successive modifications, the benefits of a free intercourse with their market, the loss of which could not but outweigh the profits accruing from her restrictions of our commerce with other nations. And to entitle these experiments to the more favorable consideration, they were so framed as to enable her to place her adversary under the exclusive operation of them. To these appeals her government has been equally inflexible, as if willing to make sacrifices of every sort, rather than yield to the claims of justice, or renounce the errors of a false pride. Nay, so far were the attempts carried, to overcome the attachment of the British cabinet to its unjust edicts, that it received every encouragement within the competency of the executive branch of our government, to expect that a repeal of them would be followed by a war between the United States

and France, unless the French edicts should also be repealed. Even this communication, although silencing forever the plea of a disposition in the United States to acquiesce in those edicts, originally the sole plea for them, received no attention.

If no other proof existed of a predetermination of the British government against a repeal of its orders, it might be found on the correspondence of the Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States at London, and the British Secretary for Foreign Affairs in 1810, on the question whether the blockade of May, 1806, was considered as in force or as not in force. It had been ascertained that the French government, which urged this blockade as the ground of its Berlin decree, was willing, in the event of its removal, to repeal that decree; which, being followed by alternate repeals of the other offensive edicts, might abolish the whole system on both sides. This inviting opportunity for accomplishing an object so important to the United States, and professed so often to be the desire of both the belligerents, was made known to the British government. As that government admits that an actual application of an adequate force is necessary to the existence of a legal blockade, and it was notorious, that if such a force had ever been applied, its long discontinuance had annulled the blockade in question, there could be no sufficient objection on the part of Great Britain to a formal revocation of it; and no imaginable objection, to a declaration of the fact, that the blockade did not exist. The declaration would have been consistent with her avowed principles of blockade, and would have enabled the United States to demand from France the pledged repeal of her decrees; either with success, in which case the way would have been opened for a general repeal of the belligerent edicts; or, without success, in which case the United States would have been justified in turning their measures exclusively against France. The British government would, however, neither rescind the blockade nor declare its

non-existence; nor permit its non-existence to be inferred and affirmed by the American Plenipotentiary. On the contrary, by representing the blockade to be comprehended in the orders in council, the United States were compelled so to regard it in their subsequent proceedings.

There was a period when a favorable change in the policy of the British cabinet was justly considered as established. The Minister Plenipotentiary of his Britannic Majesty here proposed an adjustment of the differences more immediately endangering the harmony of the two countries. The proposition was accepted with a promptitude and cordiality corresponding with the invariable professions of this government. A foundation appeared to be laid for a sincere and lasting reconciliation. The prospect, however, quickly vanished. The whole proceeding was disavowed by the British government without any explanations which could at that time repress the belief, that the disavowal proceeded from a spirit of hostility to the commercial rights and prosperity of the United States. And it has since come into proof, that, at the very moment when the public minister was holding the language of friendship, and inspiring confidence in the sincerity of the negotiation with which he was charged, a secret agent of his government was employed in intrigues, having for their object a subversion of our government, and a dismemberment of our happy union.

In reviewing the conduct of Great Britain towards the United States our attention is necessarily drawn to the warfare just renewed by the savages on one of our extensive frontiers; a warfare which is known to spare neither age nor sex, and to be distinguished by features peculiarly shocking to humanity. It is difficult to account for the activity and combinations which have for some time been developing themselves among tribes in the constant intercourse with British traders and garri- sons, without connecting their hostility with that influence; and without recollecting the authenticated examples of such interpo-

sitions heretofore furnished by the officers and agents of that government.

Such is the spectacle of injuries and indignities which have been heaped on our country : and such the crisis which its unexampled forbearance and conciliatory efforts have not been able to avert. It might at least have been expected that an enlightened nation, if less urged by moral obligations, or invited by friendly dispositions on the part of the United States would have found, in its true interest alone, a sufficient motive to respect their rights and their tranquillity on the high seas ; that an enlarged policy would have favored that free and general circulation of commerce, in which the British nation is at all times interested, and which in times of war is the best alleviation of its calamities to herself as well as the other belligerents ; and more especially that the British cabinet would not, for the sake of the precarious and surreptitious intercourse with hostile markets, have persevered in a course of measures which necessarily put at hazard the invaluable market of a great and growing country, disposed to cultivate the mutual advantages of an active commerce.

Other councils have prevailed. Our moderation and conciliation have had no other effect than to encourage perseverance, and to enlarge pretensions. We behold our seafaring citizens still the daily victims of lawless violence, committed on the great common and highway of nations, even within sight of the country which owes them protection. We behold our vessels freighted with the products of our soil and industry, or returning with the honest proceeds of them, wrested from their lawful destinations, confiscated by prize courts, no longer the organs of public law, but the instruments of arbitrary edicts ; and their unfortunate crews dispersed and lost, or forced or inveigled, in British ports, into British fleets : whilst arguments are employed in support of these aggressions, which have no foundation but in a principle equally supporting a claim to regulate our external commerce in all cases whatsoever.

We behold, in fine, on the side of Great Britain a state of war against the United States ; and on the side of the United States a state of peace towards Great Britain.

Whether the United States shall continue passive under these progressive usurpations, and these accumulating wrongs ; or, opposing force to force in defence of their natural rights, shall commit a just cause into the hands of the Almighty Disposer of events, avoiding all connections which might entangle it in the contests or views of other powers, and preserving a constant readiness to concur in an honorable re-establishment of peace and friendship, is a solemn question, which the constitution wisely confides to the legislative department of the government. In recommending it to their early deliberations, I am happy in the assurance that the decision will be worthy the enlightened and patriotic councils of a virtuous, a free, and a powerful nation.

Having presented this view of the relations of the United States with Great Britain and of the solemn alternative growing out of them, I proceed to remark that the communications last made to Congress on the subject of our relations with France will have shown that since the revocation of her decrees as they violated the neutral rights of the United States, her government has authorized illegal captures, by its privateers and public ships, and that other outrages have been practised on our vessels and our citizens. It will have been seen also, that no indemnity had been provided, or satisfactorily pledged for the extensive spoliations committed under the violent and retrospective orders of the French government against the property of our citizens seized within the jurisdiction of France. I abstain at this time from recommending to the consideration of Congress definitive measures with respect to that nation, in the expectation that the result of unclosed discussions between our minister plenipotentiary at Paris and the French government, will speedily enable Congress to decide, with greater advantage, on the course due to the rights, the interests, and the honor of our country.

*Washington June 1, 1812.*

JAMES MADISON.

## THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS,

TO WHOM WAS REFERRED THE MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,  
OF THE 1ST OF JUNE, 1812

### REPORT—

That after the experience which the United States have had of the great injustice of the British government towards them, exemplified by so many acts of violence and oppression, it will be more difficult to justify to the impartial world their patient forbearance, than the measures to which it has become necessary to resort, to avenge the wrongs, and vindicate the rights and honor of the nation. Your committee are happy to observe, on a dispassionate view of the conduct of the United States, that they see in it no cause for censure.

If a long forbearance under injuries ought ever to be considered a virtue in any nation, it is one which peculiarly becomes the United States. No people ever had stronger motives to cherish peace: none have ever cherished it with greater sincerity and zeal.

But the period has now arrived, when the United States must support their character and station among the nations of the earth, or submit to the most shameful degradation. Forbearance has ceased to be a virtue. War on the one side, and peace on the other, is a situation as ruinous as it is disgraceful. The mad ambition, the lust of power, and commercial avarice of Great Britain, arrogating to herself the complete dominion of the ocean, and exercising over it an unbounded and lawless tyranny, have left to neutral nations an alternative only, between the

bare surrender of their rights, and a manly vindication of them. Happily for the United States, their destiny, under the aid of Heaven, is in their own hands. The crisis is formidable only by their love of peace. As soon as it becomes a duty to relinquish that situation, danger disappears. They have suffered no wrongs, they have received no insults, however great, for which they cannot obtain redress.

More than seven years have elapsed, since the commencement of this system of hostile aggression by the British Government, on the rights and interests of the United States. The manner of its commencement was not less hostile, than the spirit with which it has been prosecuted. The United States have invariably done every thing in their power to preserve the relations of friendship with Great Britain. Of this disposition they gave a distinguished proof, at the moment when they were made the victims of an opposite policy. The wrongs of the last war had not been forgotten at the commencement of the present one. They warned us of dangers, against which it was sought to provide. As early as the year 1804, the Minister of the United States at London was instructed, to invite the British government to enter into a negotiation on all the points on which a collision might arise between the two countries, in the course of the war, and to propose to it an arrangement of their claims on fair and reasonable conditions. The invitation was accepted. A negotiation had commenced and was depending, and nothing had occurred to excite a doubt that it would not terminate to the satisfaction of both the parties. It was at this time, and under these circumstances, that an attack was made, by surprise, on an important branch of the American commerce, which affected every part of the United States, and involved many of their citizens in ruin.

The commerce on which this attack was so unexpectedly made, was between the United States and the colonies of France, Spain, and other enemies of Great Britain. A commerce just in



itself; sanctioned by the example of Great Britain in regard to the trade with her own colonies; sanctioned by a solemn act between the two governments in the last war; and sanctioned by the practice of the British government in the present war, more than two years having elapsed, without any interference with it.

The injustice of this attack could only be equalled by the absurdity of the pretext alleged for it. It was pretended by the British government, that in case of war, her enemy had no right to modify its colonial regulations, so as to mitigate the calamities of war to the inhabitants of its colonies. This pretension peculiar to Great Britain, is utterly incompatible with the rights of the sovereignty in every independent State. If we recur to the well-established and universally admitted law of nations, we shall find no sanction to it, in that venerable code. The sovereignty of every State is co-extensive with its dominions, and cannot be abrogated, or curtailed in rights, as to any part, except by conquest. Neutral nations have a right to trade to every port of either belligerent, which is not legally blockaded; and in all articles which are not contraband of war. Such is the absurdity of this pretension, that your committee are aware, especially after the able manner in which it has been heretofore refuted, and exposed, that they would offer an insult to the understanding of the house, if they enlarged on it, and if any thing could add to the high sense of the injustice of the British government in the transaction, it would be the contrast which her conduct exhibits in regard to this trade, and in regard to a similar trade by neutrals with her own colonies. It is known to the world that Great Britain regulates her own trade in war and in peace, at home and in her colonies, as she finds for her interest—that in war she relaxes the restraints of her colonial system in favor of the colonies, and that it never was suggested that she had not a right to do it; or that a neutral in taking advantage of the relaxation violated a belligerent right of her enemy. But with

Great Britain *every thing* is lawful. It is only in a trade with her enemies that the United States can do wrong. With them all trade is unlawful.

In the year 1793, an attack was made by the British government on the same branch of our neutral trade, which had nearly involved the two countries in a war. That difference, however, was amicably accommodated. The pretension was withdrawn and reparation made to the United States for the losses which they had suffered by it. It was fair to infer from that arrangement that the commerce was deemed by the British Government lawful, and that it would not be again disturbed.

Had the British government been resolved to contest this trade with neutrals, it was due to the character of the British nation that the decision should be made known to the government of the United States. The existence of a negociation which had been invited by our government, for the purpose of preventing differences by an amicable arrangement of their respective pretensions, gave a strong claim to the notification, while it afforded the fairest opportunity for it. But a very different policy animated the then Cabinet of England. The liberal confidence and friendly overtures of the United States were taken advantage of to ensnare them. Steady to its purpose and inflexibly hostile to this country, the British government calmly looked forward to the moment, when it might give the most deadly wound to our interests. A trade just in itself, which was secured by so many strong and sacred pledges, was considered safe. Our citizens, with their usual industry and enterprise had embarked in it a vast proportion of their shipping, and of their capital, which were at sea, under no other protection than the law of nations, and the confidence which they reposed in the justice and friendship of the British nation. At this period the unexpected blow was given. Many of the vessels were seized, carried into port, and condemned by a tribunal, which, while it professes to respect the law of nations, obeyed the mandates of its own government.

Hundreds of other vessels were driven from the ocean, and the trade itself in a great measure suppressed. The effect produced by this attack on the lawful commerce of the United States was such as might have been expected from a virtuous, independent and highly injured people. But one sentiment pervaded the whole American nation. No local interests were regarded; no sordid motives felt. Without looking to the parts which suffered most, the invasion of our rights was considered a common cause, and from one extremity of our Union to the other, was heard the voice of an united people, calling on their government to avenge their wrongs, and vindicate the rights and honor of their country.

From this period the British government has gone on in a continued encroachment on the rights and interests of the United States, disregarding in its course, in many instances, obligations which have heretofore been held sacred by civilized nations.

In May, 1806, the whole coast of the Continent, from the Elbe to Brest inclusive, was declared to be in a state of blockade. By this act, the well-established principles of the law of nations, principles which have served for ages as guides, and affixed the boundary between the rights to belligerents and neutrals, were violated: By the law of nations, as recognized by Great Britain herself, no blockade is lawful, unless it be sustained by the application of an adequate force, and that an adequate force was applied to this blockade, in its full extent, ought not to be pretended. Whether Great Britain was able to maintain, legally, so extensive a blockade, considering the war in which she is engaged, requiring such extensive naval operations, is a question which it is not necessary at this time to examine. It is sufficient to be known, that such force was not applied, and this is evident from the terms of the blockade itself, by which, comparatively, an inconsiderable portion of the coast only was declared to be in a state of *strict and rigorous blockade*. The objection to the mea-

sure is not diminished by that circumstance. If the force was not applied, the blockade was unlawful, from whatever cause the failure might proceed. The belligerent who institutes the blockade cannot absolve itself from the obligation to apply the force under any pretext whatever. For a belligerent to relax a blockade, which it could not maintain, it would be a refinement in injustice, not less insulting to the understanding than repugnant to the law of nations. To claim merit for the mitigation of an evil, which the party either had not the power or found it inconvenient to inflict, would be a new mode of encroaching on neutral rights. Your committee think it just to remark that this act of the British Government does not appear to have been adopted in the sense in which it has been since construed. On consideration of all the circumstances attending the measure, and particularly the character of the distinguished statesman who announced it, we are persuaded that it was conceived in a spirit of conciliation and intended to lead to an accommodation of all differences between the United States and Great Britain. His death disappointed that hope, and the act has since become subservient to other purposes. It has been made by his successors a pretext for that vast system of usurpation, which has so long oppressed and harassed our commerce.

The next act of the British government which claims our attention is the order of council of January 7, 1807, by which neutral powers are prohibited trading from one port to another of France or her allies, or any other country with which Great Britain might not freely trade. By this order the pretension of England, heretofore claimed by every other power, to prohibit neutrals disposing of parts of their cargoes at different ports of the same enemy, is revived and with vast accumulation of injury. Every enemy, however great the number or distant from each other, is considered one, and the like trade even with powers at peace with England, who from motives of policy had excluded or restrained her commerce, was also prohibited. In this act the

British government evidently disclaimed all regard for neutral rights. Aware that the measures authorized by it could find no pretext in any belligerent right, none was urged. To prohibit the sale of our produce, consisting of innocent articles at any port of a belligerent, not blockaded, to consider every belligerent as one, and subject neutrals to the same restraints with all, as if there was but one, were bold encroachments. But to restrain or in any manner interfere with our commerce with neutral nations with whom Great Britain was at peace, and against whom she had no justifiable cause of war, for the sole reason, that they restrained or excluded from their ports her commerce, was utterly incompatible with the pacific relations subsisting between the two countries.

We proceed to bring into view the British order in Council of November 11th, 1807, which superseded every other order, and consummated that system of hostility on the commerce of the United States which has been since so steadily pursued. By this order all France and her allies and every other country at war with Great Britain, or with which she was not at war, from which the British flag was excluded and all the colonies of her enemies, were subjected to the same restrictions as if they were actually blockaded in the most strict and rigorous manner, and all trade in articles the produce and manufacture of the said countries and colonies and the vessels engaged in it were subjected to capture and condemnation as lawful prize. To this order certain exceptions were made which we forbear to notice, because they were not adopted from a regard to neutral rights, but were dictated by policy to promote the commerce of England, and so far as they related to neutral powers, were said to emanate from the clemency of the British Government.

It would be superfluous in your committee to state, that by this order the British government declared direct and positive war against the United States. The dominion of the ocean was completely usurped by it, all commerce forbidden, and every

flag driven from it, or subjected to capture and condemnation, which did not subserve the policy of the British government by paying it a tribute, and sailing under its sanction. From this period the United States have incurred the heaviest losses and most mortifying humiliations. They have borne the calamities of war without retorting them on its authors.

So far your committee has presented to the view of the house the aggressions which have been committed under the authority of the British government on the commerce of the United States. We will now proceed to other wrongs which have been still more severely felt. Among these is the impressment of our seamen, a practice which has been unceasingly maintained by Great Britain in the wars to which she has been a party since our revolution. Your committee cannot convey in adequate terms the deep sense which they entertain of the injustice and oppression of this proceeding. Under the pretext of impressing British seamen, our fellow-citizens are seized in British ports, on the high seas, and in every other quarter to which the British power extends, are taken on board British men-of-war and compelled to serve there as British subjects. In this mode our citizens are wantonly snatched from their country and their families, deprived of their liberty, and doomed to an ignominious and slavish bondage, compelled to fight the battles of a foreign country, and often to perish in them. Our flag has given them no protection; it has been unceasingly violated, and our vessels exposed to danger by the loss of the men taken from them. Your committee need not remark that while the practice is continued, it is impossible for the United States to consider themselves an independent nation. Every new case is a new proof of their degradation. Its continuance is the more unjustifiable because the United States have repeatedly proposed to the British government an arrangement which would secure to it the control of its own people. An exemption of the citizens of the

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Your committee would be much gratified if they could close here the details of British wrongs ; but it is their duty to recite another act of still greater malignity, than any of those which have been already brought to your view. The attempt to dismember our union, and overthrow our excellent constitution, by a secret mission, the object of which was to foment discontents, and excite insurrection against the constituted authorities and laws of the nation, as lately disclosed by the agent employed in it, affords full proof that there is no bound to the hostility of the British government towards the United States ; no act, however unjustifiable, which it would not commit to accomplish their ruin. This attempt excites the greater horror from the consideration that it was made while the United States and Great Britain were at peace, and an amicable negotiation was depending between them for the accommodation of their differences through public ministers regularly authorized for the purpose.

The United States have beheld, with unexampled forbearance, this continued series of hostile encroachments on their rights and interests, in the hope that, yielding to the force of friendly remonstrances, often repeated, the British government might adopt a more just policy towards them ; but that hope no longer exists. They have also weighed impartially the reasons which have been urged by the British government in vindication of these encroachments, and found in them neither justification or apology.

The British government has alleged, in vindication of the orders in council, that they were resorted to as a retaliation on France, for similar aggressions committed by her on our neutral trade with the British dominions. But how has this plea been supported ? The dates of British and French aggressions are well known to the world. Their origin and progress have been



marked with too wide and destructive a waste of the property of our fellow-citizens, to have been forgotten. The decree of Berlin of Nov. 21st, 1806, was the first aggression of France in the present war. Eighteen months had then elapsed, after the attack made by Great Britain on our neutral trade with the colonies of France and her allies, and six months from the date of the proclamation of May, 1806. Even on the 7th of January, 1807, the date of the first British order in council, so short a term had elapsed, after the Berlin decree, that it was hardly possible that the intelligence of it should have reached the United States. A retaliation, which is to produce its effect by operating on a neutral power, ought not to be resorted to, till the neutral had justified it by a culpable acquiescence in the unlawful act of the other belligerent. It ought to be delayed until after sufficient time had been allowed to the neutral to remonstrate against the measure complained of, to receive an answer, and to act on it, which had not been done in the present instance; and when the order of November 11th was issued, it is well known that a minister of France had declared to the Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States at Paris, that it was not intended that the decree of Berlin should apply to the United States. It is equally well known, that no American vessel had then been condemned under it, or seizure been made, with which the British government was acquainted. The facts prove incontestibly, that the measures of France, however unjustifiable in themselves, were nothing more than a pretext for those of England. And of the insufficiency of that pretext, ample proof has already been afforded by the British government itself, and in the most impressive form. Although it was declared that the orders in council were retaliatory on France for her decrees, it was also declared, and in the orders themselves, that owing to the superiority of the British navy, by which the fleets of France and her allies were confined within their own ports, the French decrees were considered only as empty threats.

It is no justification of the wrongs of one power, that the like were committed by another ; nor ought the fact, if true, to have been urged by either, as it could afford no proof of its love of justice, of its magnanimity, or even of its courage. It is more worthy the government of a great nation to relieve than to assail the injured. Nor can a repetition of the wrongs by another power repair the violated rights, or wounded honor, of the injured party. An utter inability alone to resist, would justify a quiet surrender of our rights, and degrading submission to the will of others. To that condition the United States are not reduced, nor do they fear it. That they ever consented to discuss with either power the misconduct of the other, is a proof of their love of peace, of their moderation, and of the hope which they still indulged, that friendly appeals to just and generous sentiment, would not be made to them in vain. But the motive was mistaken, if their forbearance was imputed, either to the want of a just sensibility to their wrongs, or of a determination, if suitable redress was not obtained, to resent them. The time has now arrived when this system of reasoning must cease. It would be insulting to repeat it. It would be degrading to hear it. The United States must act as an independent nation, and assert their *rights* and avenge their *wrongs*, according to their own estimate of them, with the party who commits them, holding it responsible for its own misdeeds, unmitigated by those of another.

For the difference made between Great Britain and France, by the application of the non-importation act against England only, the motive has been already too often explained, and is too well known to require further illustration. In the commercial restrictions to which the United States resorted as an evidence of their sensibility, and a mild retaliation of their wrongs, they invariably placed both powers on the same footing, holding to each in respect to itself, the same accommodation, in case it accepted the condition offered, and in respect to the other, the same re-

straint, if it refused. Had the British government confirmed the arrangement, which was entered into with the British Minister in 1809, and France maintained her decrees, with France would the United States have had to resist, with the firmness belonging to their character, the continued violation of their rights? The committee do not hesitate to declare, that France has greatly injured the United States, and that satisfactory reparation has not yet been made for many of those injuries. But that is a concern which the United States will look to and settle for themselves. The high character of the American people, is a sufficient pledge to the world, that they will not fail to settle it, on conditions which they have a right to claim.

More recently, the true policy of the British government towards the United States has been completely unfolded. It has been publicly declared by those in power, that the orders in council should not be repealed, until the French government had revoked all its internal restraints on the British commerce, and that the trade of the United States with France and her allies, should be prohibited until Great Britain was also allowed to trade with them. By this declaration, it appears, that to satisfy the pretensions of the British government, the United States must join Great Britain in the war with France, and prosecute the war, until France should be subdued, for without her subjugation, it were in vain to presume on such a concession. The hostility of the British government to these states has been still further disclosed. It has been made manifest that the United States are considered by it as the commercial rival of Great Britain, and that their prosperity and growth are incompatible with her welfare. When all these circumstances are taken into consideration, it is impossible for your committee to doubt the motives which have governed the British ministry in all its measures towards the United States since the year 1805. Equally is it impossible to doubt, longer, the course which the United States ought to pursue towards Great Britain.

From this view of the multiplied wrongs of the British government, since the commencement of the present war, it must be evident to the *impartial world*, that the contest which is now forced on the United States, is radically a contest for their sovereignty and independence. Your committee will not enlarge on any of the injuries, however great, which have had a transitory effect. They wish to call the attention of the House to those of a parliamentary nature only, which intrench so deeply on our most important rights, and wound so extensively and vitally our best interests, as could not fail to deprive the United States of the principal advantages of their revolution, if submitted to. The control of our commerce by Great Britain, in regulating at pleasure, and expelling it almost from the ocean; the oppressive manner in which these regulations have been carried into effect by seizing and confiscating such of our vessels, with their cargoes, as were said to have violated her edicts, often without previous warning of their danger; the impressment of our citizens from on board our own vessels, on the high seas, and elsewhere, and holding them in bondage until it suited the convenience of these oppressors to deliver them up, are encroachments of that high and dangerous tendency which could not fail to produce that pernicious effect, nor would those be the only consequences that would result from it. The British government might for a while be satisfied with the ascendancy thus gained over us, but its pretensions would soon increase. The proof, which so complete and disgraceful a submission to its authority would afford of our degeneracy, could not fail to inspire confidence, that there was no limit to which its usurpations and our degradations might not be carried.

Your committee, believing that the freeborn sons of America are worthy to enjoy the liberty which their fathers purchased at the price of much blood and treasure, and seeing in the measures adopted by Great Britain, a course commenced and persisted in which might lead to a loss of national character and indepen-

dence, feel no hesitation in advising resistance by force, in which the Americans of the present day will *prove* to the *enemy* and to the *world*, that we have not only inherited that liberty which our fathers gave us, but also the *will* and *power* to maintain it. Relying on the patriotism of the nation, and confidently trusting that the Lord of Hosts will go with us to battle in a righteous cause, and crown our efforts with success—your committee recommend an immediate appeal to ARMS!

#### AN ACT

*Declaring War between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the dependencies thereof, and the United States of America, and their Territories.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That WAR be, and the same is hereby declared to exist between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the dependencies thereof, and the United States of America and their territories; and that the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to use the whole land and naval force of the United States, to carry the same into effect, and to issue to private-armed vessels of the United States commissions, or letters-of-marque, and general reprisals, in such form as he shall think proper, and under the seal of the United States, against the vessels, goods and effects of the government of the same United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the subjects thereof.*

Approved,

JAMES MADISON.

*June 18th, 1812.*

On the final passage of the act in the Senate, the vote was 19 to 13; in the House, 79 to 49.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States, by virtue of the constituted authority vested in them, have declared by their act, bearing date the 18th day of the present month, that war exists between the United kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the dependencies thereof, and the United States of America and their territories: Now therefore, I, James Madison, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the same to all whom it may concern: and I do specially enjoin on all persons holding offices, civil or military, under the authority of the United States, that they be vigilant and zealous, in discharging the duties respectively incident thereto. And I do moreover exhort all the good people of the United States, as they love their country; as they value the precious heritage derived from the virtue and valor of their fathers; as they feel the wrongs which have forced on them the last resort of injured nations; and as they consult the best means, under the blessing of Divine Providence, of abridging its calamities; that they exert themselves in preserving order, in promoting concord, and in maintaining the authority and the efficacy of the laws, and in supporting and invigorating all the measures which may be adopted by the constituted authorities, for obtaining a speedy, a just, and an honorable peace.



In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed to these presents.

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By the President,

JAMES MADISON

(Signed)

JAMES MONROE

*Secretary*

I insert here the following letter of the venerable James Madison, former President of the United States, to Benjamin Watson, Esq., of Pittsfield, and think his opinion is deserving the respectful consideration of every American.

*“ Quincy, July 6*

*‘DEAR SIR,—I have received the favor of your letter of last month, which has revived the recollection of our former acquaintance in France, England and Holland in several parts of our own country. I think with me it is the duty of every considerate man to support the authorities, in whose hands soever they may be; and to say whatever their measures may be.*

*To your allusion to the war, I have nothing to say but with surprise that I hear it pronounced, not only by persons in authority, ecclesiastical and civil, but by military, that it is an unjust and un-*

ous. I have thought it both just and necessary, for five or six years.

"How it can be said to be unexpected, is another wonder; I have expected it for more than five and twenty years, and have had great reason to be thankful that it has been postponed so long. I saw such a spirit in the British Islands, when I resided in France, in Holland, and in England itself, that I expected another war much sooner than it has happened. I was so impressed with the idea, that I expressed to Lord Lansdowne (formerly Lord Shelburne), an apprehension that his lordship would live long enough to be obliged to make, and that I should live long enough to see another peace made between Great Britain and the United States of America. His lordship did not live long enough to make the peace, and I shall not probably live to see it; but I have lived to see the war that must be followed by a peace, if the war is not eternal.

"Our Agricultural Societies may not be so much regarded, but the great interest of agriculture will not be diminished by the war. Manufactures will be promoted.

"The Minister of St. Petersburg will be informed of your opinion of the utility of some bushels of Siberian wheat, not kiln dried.'

"Yours truly,

"JOHN ADAMS."



## TARDY JUSTICE.

EXTRACT FROM THE BOSTON CHRONICLE.

"The American seamen who were taken from the frigate Chesapeake, on the 22d June, 1807, by the British ship-of-war Leopard, were this day, Saturday, June 13, 1812, restored to the same ship in the harbor of Boston.

"They were conducted on board by Lieutenant Simpson, a British officer, and received at the gang-way by Lieutenant Wilkinson, of the Chesapeake, who made the following pertinent address:

"SIR,—I am commanded by Commodore Bainbridge to receive these two American seamen, on the very deck from which they were wantonly taken in time of peace, by a vessel of your nation, of superior force.' Midshipman Saunders conducted the men to Commodore Bainbridge, upon the quarter-deck—the Commodore received them with these appropriate and truly American observations. 'My lads I am glad to see you—from this deck you were taken by British outrage—for your return to it you owe gratitude to the government of your country. Your country now offers you an opportunity to revenge your wrongs; and I cannot doubt but that you will be desirous of doing so on board of this very ship. I trust the flag that flies on board of her, shall gloriously defend you in future.' Three cheers were given by a numerous company of citizens and seamen, assembled to witness the interesting transaction.

"There were four men taken out of the Chesapeake; one, they tell us, has since died, two they now restore, and one they hung at Halifax."

## INTRODUCTION.

I COMMENCE my plea, soliciting public approbation in favor of Privateersmen, and for those who served in private armed vessels in the war of 1812, 1813, and 1814. And in order to show the state of public opinion at that period, I will here insert an article, written by Mr. Jefferson, dated July the 4th, 1812 :

“What is war? It is simply a contest between nations, of trying which can do the other the most harm. Who carries on the war? Armies are formed and Navies manned by individuals. How is a battle gained? By the death of individuals. What produces peace? The distress of individuals. What difference to the sufferer is it that his property is taken by a national or private armed vessel? Did our merchants, who have lost nine hundred and seventeen vessels by British captures, feel any gratification that the most of them were taken by His Majesty’s men-of-war? Were the spoils less rigidly exacted by a seventy-four gun ship than by a privateer of four guns; and were not all equally condemned? War, whether on land or sea, is constituted of acts of violence on the persons and property of individuals; and excess of violence is the grand cause that brings about a peace. One man fights for wages paid him by the government, or a patriotic zeal for the defence of his country; an-

other, duly authorized, and giving the proper pledges for his good conduct, undertakes to pay himself at the expense of the foe, and serve his country as effectually as the former, and government drawing all its supplies from the people, is, in reality, as much affected by the losses of the one as the other, the efficacy of its measures depending upon the energies and resources of the whole. In the United States, every possible encouragement should be given to privateering in time of war with a commercial nation. We have tens of thousands of seamen that without it would be destitute of the means of support, and useless to their country. Our national ships are too few in number to give employment to a twentieth part of them, or retaliate the acts of the enemy. But by licensing private armed vessels, the whole naval force of the nation is truly brought to bear on the foe, and while the contest lasts, that it may have the speedier termination, let every individual contribute his mite, in the best way he can, to distress and harass the enemy, and compel him to peace."

To arrive at the odium entertained against privateering by the honest and virtuous part of the world, I must carry my readers back to the piratical age of the reckless buccaneers, which continued for a period of twenty or thirty years, say from 1610 to 1640.

Although these piratical vessels occasionally infested almost every sea, their principal resorts were along the coast of the Spanish Main, and among the West India Islands.

These desperate buccaneers committed all sorts of barbarous acts, and were, in fact, a terror to the commercial portion of all civilized nations. They spared neither friend nor foe, and were alike regardless of age or sex.

Their only object was robbery and plunder, and by these means to enrich themselves, at the expense of the honest and industrious portion of mankind. These ruthless bravadoes, by the habitual practice of rapine and murder, became so hardened in sin and crime, that they seemed to riot and rejoice over the sufferings of their innocent victims.

No wonder, then, that a strong and deep feeling of enmity should still continue to be felt against privateering for centuries after it was abolished. In Europe, where a large portion of every community is uneducated, it requires many long years to eradicate a deep-rooted prejudice from among the masses, long after the enlightened classes are convinced that such transactions are no longer in existence. Even in our own intelligent country, there exists a strong prejudice against privateering, from the same cause as before stated, namely, by associating it with the by-gone days of the reckless buccaneers. It is to be hoped, however, that our late war with England has created a more favorable feeling on this subject, and that a more liberal sentiment will be cherished towards privateersmen, and to those who were employed in private armed vessels. The American people must be convinced that, in our last war with England, it was carried on by privateers and private

avowed enemy, and, as I believe, with a sin  
soften the rugged features of war. •

It is true that every honorable device was  
to cripple our enemy, by diminishing his  
power to injure us, and thus compel him to  
ble peace.

It must always be borne in mind that the  
part was strictly confined to the injury of Great Britain  
and that in no instance was a single neutral  
involved in loss or insult by our privateers.

In this age of traffic and moneymaking, war  
is measured by dollars and cents, remarkable  
to those who sailed in privateers and  
prize are made by some, without much re-  
knowledge on the subject. Others assert  
were a mercenary set of desperadoes, only  
riching themselves with the spoils of their  
possessing little honor, and less patriotism.  
were be a single respectable individual posse-  
sion, I shall be happy to disabuse his re-  
spective, for I can assure him, that there is  
no slander imputed to such a man.

manded these vessels, as well as their officers and seamen, would favorably compare with the same class of military men in any army or navy in the world.

The following captains of privateers and letters-of-marque I knew personally, both at home and abroad, and some of them I was proud to acknowledge as intimate friends :

Vessels.	Captains.	Where belonging.
Saratoga,	Wooster, after-ward Guy R. Champlin, }	New York.
Rossie,	Commodore Barney,	Baltimore.
Midas,	Chayter,	Baltimore.
General Armstrong,	Sam. C. Reid,	New York.
Brig Ida,	Jeremiah Mantor,	Boston.
Rattlesnake,	David Maffet,	Philadelphia.
Globe,	John Murphy,	Baltimore.
Scourge,	Samuel Nicoll,	New York.
Dolphin,	W. S. Stafford,	Baltimore.
American,	Richardson,	Baltimore.
Jack's Favorite.	Miller,	New York.
Benj. Franklin,	Ingersol.	New York.

I cannot at this moment, call to mind many other captains of privateers and letters-of-marque, who figured conspicuously in the trying conflict for the liberty of the seas.

All the persons here enumerated were captains in the

tive in the contest, viz., to be remunerated  
vations, and to serve their country in d  
enemy, who strove to drive them off the  
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men would risk their lives and reputation  
mercenary hire, without an ardent love of t  
and a desire to revenge themselves upon th  
the seas, who had insulted and abused the  
for many years? On the contrary, they  
hardly an exception, a dashing, brave set of  
men, and an honor to their country. Many  
ought battles and hair-breadth escapes,  
bly compare with our most brilliant na  
vents.

Contrast the relative inducements of the  
the United States navy and of the captains  
armed ships and vessels. The former are ch  
supported by the whole nation ; have fam  
eted out for every meritorious act. If w  
ceive pensions, and are provided for in s  
d age. Now look at the other side of t  
that had the same

often seen them engaging the enemy's ships-of-war, where they had nothing to hope for but revenge for past injuries, or for the honor of the flag under which they sailed, and their ardent attachment to their beloved country. In many instances we have known their prospects of a cruise broken up and ruined because they would not fly from their haughty foe until they had inflicted a severe punishment on his boasted superiority. It is well known to those Americans who lived through the war of 1812, and to all the reading portion of our extensive country, that the privateers and letters-of-marque were the great thorn in the side of our inveterate enemy, that they harassed and annoyed their adversaries in every quarter of the globe, yes, and even at the entrance of their own ports, in old England itself. They fought and captured ships and vessels off the North Cape, in the British and Irish Channels, on the coasts of Spain and Portugal, in the East and West Indies, off the Capes of Good Hope and Horn, and in the Pacific Ocean. In a word, they were harassing and annoying British trade and commerce wherever a ship could float, Yes, they took and destroyed millions of property, and were, beyond all doubt, the happy instruments under God, in bringing about a permanent peace with a proud, haughty, overbearing nation. And now is it not astonishing how soon the services of these brave and gallant men are forgotten, and how lightly their heroic acts are appreciated by our general government?

While Congress has given thousands and tens of thousands of broad acres to all those individuals who fought,



or were mustered into service in all our wars since 1790, as a reward for their services to their country, not one foot of land, or any other compensation has been given to privateersmen, and those who served in private armed vessels in the war of 1812, or to their widows and orphan children.

No wonder that the present generation does not appreciate their services, or cherish their memory when the Congress of the United States neglects to notice their claims on the nation.

I complain not at what the government has given to all those who have served in any war for their country's honor or interest, but I do complain of the gross and palpable injustice of the government of the United States towards those brave men, and their widows and orphan children. Many of the privateersmen, and those who served in letters-of-marque, suffered severely in their private fortunes, many were killed and wounded, and not a few were confined in filthy English prisons. And, what is the reply to all their petitions? Why forsooth, these men were engaged in cruising for prize-money and not for the interest of the country. That assertion is not true, on the contrary, it is a base slander upon the good name and fame of these worthy and gallant defenders of their country's rights and of its honor and glory. "Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon." The writer of these pages asks nothing for himself, for, thank God, he has, through his industry, prudence, and economy, sufficient to live on in a modest, unpretending way, and wishes it to be

clearly understood, that this appeal is in behalf of the few remaining individuals who have survived the war, the tempest, and the storm, and who are now tottering on the brink of the grave. Yes, it is for them and their widows and orphan children, that I make this strong and last appeal to the Government of the United States, to do justice to these much injured men and their families.

When the peace was made with England, the officers of the navy used to say among themselves, that they were looked upon by the people as pillars in war, but as caterpillars in peace. If such was the case with them, with what redoubled force will it apply to the Captains of Privateers.

I deem it unnecessary at present to add any more on the subject of the unrequited claims of privateersmen and those who served in private-armed vessels, but hope and trust that the Congress of the United States will, ere long, reflect that it is unwise and unjust to exclude those worthy and deserving patriots from an equal participation in the public bounty, which has been so liberally bestowed upon all other classes of citizens, who have served their country in any of its wars during the last sixty-five years.

With these closing remarks, I will now proceed to enumerate a few of the many wrongs and abuses practiced upon our commerce and country by British ships-of-war, for a period of at least six or eight years. For it is well known that they took and captured from us more than a thousand ships and vessels bound to France

and other European countries, while we were at peace with them. And thus from time to time they continued to heap insult upon insult, with their men of war lying at the mouths of our harbors, and searching and detaining our merchant ships in every part of the world.

On the 26th of April, 1806, off Sandy Hook, the frigate *Leander* fired a cannon-shot into a little harmless, unarmed vessel, by which a seaman was killed, in our own waters. This created an immense sensation, and every citizen throughout the United States felt that it was a gross insult to the nation. Spirited remonstrances were made by our government, and reparation was promised ; but the resentment of the people had scarcely time to cool down from this outrage, when, in about a year afterward, a dastardly attack was made by the two-decked ship-of-war, *Leopard*, upon the United States frigate *Chesapeake*, at a period of profound peace, when, from peculiar causes, the latter ship was in a defenceless state.

This cowardly act aroused throughout the Union a spirit of retaliation, which the government found it difficult to repress. This insult, however, like the one preceding it, passed off without any serious consequences, and it was hoped, by a considerable portion of the people, that England would refrain from further aggressions.

This hope, however, was delusive, and so far from making reparation for past injuries, the captains of our merchant ships were often ill-treated and abused by upstart, subaltern officers, for daring to assert their legitimate rights.

The longer we submitted, the more provoking the British government became. A large portion of the American people were opposed to open warfare ; not from a fear of its ultimate success, or of the pecuniary losses and sacrifices it would necessarily produce ; nor from a timid fear of meeting our adversary in fair and open combat, but from a religious and conscientious feeling of shedding human blood, more especially that of the nation from which we sprung ; both professing the same religion, and speaking the same language.

It was, therefore, a most perplexing alternative, and the question was, shall we any longer submit to injury and insult ?

We were taunted and reviled on every side ; accused of parsimony and cowardice ; England boasting that a few broadsides from her " wooden walls " would drive our " paltry, striped bunting " from the ocean.

Our seamen were impressed by the English in every part of the world ; dragged on board of their floating hells ; made to serve against their will the haughty tyrants placed over them, and were often flogged for refusing to fight against other nations with whom we were at peace.

Many legitimate voyages were broken up and ruined by their piratical cruisers, simply because they had the power to do it.

Their scurrilous newspapers never ceased to accuse us of want of spirit, because we would not unite with them in a crusade against France, and the other nations of Europe.

were to engage in open conflict and blood over-bearing our adversary became.

At length, when every resource to obtain was exhausted, we had no choice left us but to fight against our oppressors, or tamely submit to them, not only in our own eyes, but in those of the civilized world.

In conclusion, I would say, that I think a sound mind, and possessed of honor will doubt that if war is right under the circumstances, ours against England in 1812 was one.

# American Privateers.



# THE AMERICAN PRIVATEERS.

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## CHAPTER I.

PREPARATION FOR WAR — DISPATCH PILOT BOAT TO GOTTENBURG — COMMENCE WITH SMALL PRIVATEERS — SEVERAL PRIVATEERS SAIL FROM NEW YORK — PRIVATEERS FITTING OUT FROM THE EASTERN STATES — TABLE OF PRIVATEERS BELONGING TO NEW YORK — AN EMBARGO BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT — TABLE OF PRIVATEERS BELONGING TO BALTIMORE — PRIVATEERS FROM RHODE ISLAND AND SOUTH CAROLINA — CONSTITUTION, CAPTAIN HULL, OFF NEW YORK — CONSTITUTION CHASED BY A BRITISH FLEET — CHASE CONTINUED FOR THREE DAYS — THREE SHIPS SAIL FROM LEBON, VIZ., AMERICA, ELIZA GRACIE, AND ORONOKO — TWO OF THEM CAPTURED — CAPTAIN HULL ARRIVES AT BOSTON — HIS KIND RECEPTION AT THAT PLACE — REFITS FOR ANOTHER CRUISE — SAILS FROM BOSTON ON THE 2ND OF AUGUST — CRUISE OFF THE COAST OF NOVA SCOTIA — JOURNAL OF HIS CRUISE — ANXIETY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE FATE OF THE CONSTITUTION — CAPTAIN HULL MEETS WITH THE GUERRIERE ON THE 19TH OF AUGUST — DEFEAT OF THE GUERRIERE — REMARKS ON THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE TWO SHIPS — CAPTAIN HULL RETURNS TO BOSTON — HIS RECEPTION AT THAT PLACE.

ALTHOUGH the clouds of war had, for a long time, been gathering in the political horizon, and everything looked dark and threatening, still there was a secret feeling in the bosom of a large portion of the nation that they would be dispelled, and that something would eventually transpire to divert the wide-spread calamity and distress that war, and its evil attendants, would inevitably produce. But, alas! this hope was delusive, and the consequence was, when it did actually arrive, it found the country quite unprepared to meet the conflict, or to carry it on with energy and success for a considerable time. We had everything to do, and but a



short time to perform the work. The general government called upon the States for men and money, and requested them to organize their militia, and prepare to protect their own States, and, if necessary, to march at a moment's warning to any point where their services might be required, particularly along the Atlantic seaboard. The Merchants were, of course, anxious to get home their ships and vessels from every quarter of the globe before they should become a prey to the enemy. Very soon, a small dispatch pilot boat was sent out in haste to Gottenburg, with news of the war, and with directions to all our commercial marine in the harbors of Sweden, Denmark, Prussia, and Russia, to remain in port until the war should cease. This enterprise fortunately succeeded, so that the greatest part of our ships and vessels in the north of Europe were saved from capture. When the war was declared, we had but a few sharp, fast sailing clipper vessels suited for privateers and letters of marque. There were, however, a few in the most of our Atlantic ports, namely, at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, and these were brigs and schooners which had been employed in a sort of forced running trade to France, and to the islands in the West Indies : for even before the war, such vessels were preferred, on account of their speed, to avoid the British cruisers, for in numberless instances it happened, that when our merchant vessels had made a distant voyage, and were returning home with the fruits of their enterprising industry, they were often detained, and sometimes captured and sent into British ports for adjudication, and if permitted to escape condemnation, their voyages were broken up, and ruined by the exorbitant expenses in what were falsely called their courts of justice. Fortunately, we still had several of these vessels, which

together with the pilot boats belonging to our principal ports, very soon enabled our merchants to be on the alert, and ready to assail our adversary. Several of these small pilot boats were forthwith dispatched to sea in search of British merchantmen. One large centre gun, commonly called Long Tom, with a crew of fifty or sixty men, and a suitable number of muskets, sabres, and boarding pikes, etc., was quite enough to capture almost any British merchantman, at this stage of the war. Of this character were the pilot boats Teazer, Captain Dobson ; Black Joke, Captain Brown ; Jack's Favourite, Captain Johnson, and several other privateers, which were fitted out of the port of New York. These small vessels were only suitable to make short cruises about the Gulf of Florida, and among the islands in the West Indies. The same course was pursued by Boston, Salem, and other eastern ports. At the first breaking out of the war, these privateers from the eastern ports were dispatched to cruise along the coast of Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and among the British Windward Islands in the Caribbean Sea. On the 1st of July, I find the following notice in the newspapers of that day : "The people in the eastern States are laboring almost night and day to fit out privateers. Two have already sailed from Salem, and ten others are getting ready for sea. This looks well, and does credit to our eastern friends." A Baltimore newspaper, dated July the 4th, 1812, remarks that "several small, swift privateers, will sail from the United States in a few days. Some have already been sent to sea, and many others of a larger class, better fitted and better equipped, will soon follow."

About the middle of October, say four months after the declaration of war, I find the following list of privateers belonging to the port of New York alone.

Paul Jones	Hazard	1
Marengo	Ridois	1
Eagle	Beaufon	—
Rosamond	Campan	1
Benjamin Franklin	Ingersol	1
Black Joke	Brown	1
Rover	Ferris	1
Orders in Council	Howard	—
Saratoga	Riker	—
United We Stand	Storey	1
Divided We Fall	Cropsey	1
Governor Tompkins	Skinner	1
Retaliation	Newson	1
Spitfire	Miller	1
General Armstrong	Barnard	1
Jack's Favorite	Johnson	1
Yorktown	Storey	—
Tartar	King	1
Halkar	Rowland	—
Anaconda	Shaler	—
Patriot	Merrihew	1
Union	Hicks	—
Turn Over	Southmead	—
Right of Search	—	1
Bunker Hill	Lewis	1

On the 3d of April, 1812, seventy-five days previous to the declaration of war, the American Government wisely laid an embargo on all American ships and vessels in our own ports, which judicious law doubtless prevented a large amount of property from falling into the hands of our enemies.

I will now proceed to quote from a Baltimore paper of the same date, the number of privateers and letters of marque belonging to that place. The list is as follows:—

SCHOONERS.	CAPTAINS.	L. TONS.	GUNS. WE. NO.	MEN.	METAL.
Rossie	Barney	1	13	120	12's 24's 6's
Comet	Boyle	2	12	120	9's 12's
Dolphin	Stafford	2	10	100	9's 12's 6's
Nonsuch	Levely	—	12	100	12's
High Flyer	Grant	1	7	100	12's 6's
Globe	Murphy	1	7	90	9's 12's 18's
America	Richardson	2	14	115	9's 24's 6's
Bona	Damerson	1	6	80	12's 6's
Tom	Wilson	2	14	130	12's 18's 9's
Sparrow	Burch	1	5	80	12's 6's
Revenge	Miller	2	14	140	8's 12's 24's
Rolla	Dooley	1	5	80	12's
Joseph and Mary	Wescott	2	4	83	18 & 24 poun.
Wasp	Taylor	1	1	50	9 poun.
Sarah Ann	Moon	1	1	50	9 "
Liberty	Pratt	1	1	50	9 "
Hornet	Frost	1	1	50	9 "

Notwithstanding the numerous British ships of war on our coast and off the entrance of our harbors, a great

portion of our merchant ships and vessels were fortunate enough to evade capture by the enemy, and get safe into port, where they were generally dismantled and laid up during the war. This circumstance enabled the commanders of privateers and letters-of-marque to obtain seamen to man them, and together with a sufficient number of landsmen for marines, they were soon ready for a cruise.

In addition to the privateers, there were at sea twenty five fast sailing letter-of-marque schooners, carrying from six to ten guns, and from thirty to fifty men each, exclusive of officers. Besides what has been already enumerated, there were ten large schooners, on the pilot boat construction, three of which were from three hundred and thirty to three hundred and fifty ton burden. They were probably the largest vessels ever built of this description. Baltimore had sent to sea since the declaration of war forty-two armed vessels carrying about three hundred and thirty guns, and from 2,800 to 3,000 men. It is worthy of remark that up to this date not one of our privateers had been captured though frequently chased by British vessels of war. And here I would observe, that although Baltimore took the lead in fitting out privateers and letters of marque and was more active and patriotic in annoying the enemy than most other cities in the United States, still I add with pleasure that the same spirit was evinced in most of our Atlantic ports, for even the small commercial cities furnished more or less of these enterprising mischievous privateers. Witness the famous privateer Yankee and several others from Bristol, Rhode Island and the notorious little schooner Saucy Jack from Charleston, S. C., beside the large and famous privateer schooner Decatur, Captain Dominique Diron of the

same port; both of which vessels I shall take occasion to notice in their proper place.

The reader will observe by these preliminary observations that a portion of the small privateers and letters-of-marque were sent to sea to cruise for British merchantmen a few weeks after the declaration of war, and that numerous larger ones were preparing to follow in the same pursuit.

They were all, of course, commissioned by the United States Government to take, burn, sink and destroy the enemy wherever he could be found, either on the high seas or in British ports.

I will therefore leave them for the present to annoy the foe, and attempt to give an account of the escape of the frigate *Constitution*, Captain Isaac Hull, from a British fleet off the west end of Long Island, in about twenty-five fathoms water, just out of sight of land.

•But before I proceed further on the subject I shall digress a little, and make a few preliminary observations, in order to bring up the witnesses of this interesting chase from both parties, and, like old Mrs. Slipslop in the play, "go on to tell the story in my own way." At this period, the writer of these pages commanded a merchant ship called the *America*, and was then in Lisbon, in which port were quite a number of American merchant ships and vessels bound to the United States. And, though there was no certainty that war would soon be declared, still there was much excitement on the subject, and all were anxious to return home for fear of capture. There were at that time four large ships, belonging to the house of Archibald Gracie & Sons, of New York, lying in this port, viz., the *Briganza*, *Eliza Gracie*, *Oronoko*, and the *America*. The last three of these ships, together with many other merchant vessels, sailed out of the Tagus

—again, I ordered the ship on a couple of miles southward in order to get clear of the enemy, and to pursue my destiny alone, whether fortune would or no. And at daylight the next morning there was no sight of the enemy. We had favorable winds for several days, and proceeded rapidly on our course until we reached 40° 10' North, longitude 32° West, that is, about 100 miles to the west of the Western Islands. The weather was light airs and calms, which continued for several days. During that time we did not make much distance. The calm weather which I at the time considered as a great misfortune, proved in the end the salvation of the ship. The two other ships, the *Gracie*, Captain James Brown, and the *Orion*, Captain John Richards, steered their ships on a parallel course with mine, and had a fresh breeze from the north while my ship lay becalmed for nearly a week. Thus, while I fortunately escaped the enemy, the *Orion* and *Gracie* were captured by a British fleet from Halifax, bound to cruise off the port of New York, with no doubt, of intercepting and capturing American privateer and merchant vessels bound into the harbor. This fleet was composed of the follow-

falling in with Commodore Rodgers who had sailed with a small squadron from New York on the 21st of June, three days after the declaration of war. When the *Eliza Gracie* and the *Oronoko* fell in with this fleet, they knew nothing of the war, but they soon found to their sorrow that they were all prisoners of war. After removing the captains, officers and crews from the ships, they burned the *Eliza Gracie* (a beautiful new ship) and sent the *Oronoko* into Halifax. This circumstance occurred about a week previous to the memorable chase by the before-named English fleet of the frigate *Constitution*. The witnesses of the pursuit and escape of that frigate are as follows: Captain James Brown of New York, on board of the *Shannon*; Captains Richards and Rodgers, on board of the other frigates. These gentlemen witnessed the whole proceedings of both parties with the most intense interest and anxiety for the honor and escape of the *Constitution*. They related to me personally all they saw and felt during the whole period of Captain Hull's unparalleled nautical skill, and masterly seamanship, which I will relate in the course of this narrative.

On the 12th of July the *Constitution* left Annapolis, and on the 16th of the same month left the capes of the Delaware, and was soon out of sight of the land, steering along the coast towards Sandy Hook, at no great distance from the shore, with a light breeze from the northward, under easy sail. On the 17th, at one P.M., sounded in twenty-two fathoms of water, and in about an hour after made four large sail to the northward. At four, discovered a fifth sail to the northward and eastward, which looked like a man-of-war. This ship being further to the eastward, and a little detached from the other four, the *Constitution* made sail, and at six



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and the trial commenced of seamanship, skill and nautical activity ; in fine, every feeling of national honor and ardent patriotism was aroused and brought into requisition on both sides. And this was soon to be the grand crisis, whether we should lose at the commencement of the war one of our finest frigates, or whether she should escape and hereafter shed a halo of glory on the flag under which she sailed, and on the nation to whom she belonged. Every arm was nerved, and every heart beat high for the honor of both the belligerent parties.

The Constitution hoisted out her boats, and sent them ahead to tow the ship out of the reach of the enemy's shot. Four of her long twenty-fours were run out as stern chasers, viz., two on the gun-deck, and two on the spar deck. Although it was found necessary to cut away some of the wood-work of the stern frame, in order to make room to work the guns, still this was soon done, and no time lost. While the boats were towing ahead, Captain Hull discovered that the Shannon, one of the enemy's swiftest ships, had not only all her own boats ahead towing, but was assisted by a number from the other ships. As it was quite calm, the Shannon appeared to gain a little on the chase. Soon after, the Shannon, being the headmost ship, began firing her bow guns, which she kept up for about ten or fifteen minutes, when finding her shot fall short, she ceased firing. And now what should be done to widen the distance between the pursuers and the pursued ? It was evident to Capt. Hull and his officers that the superior number of towing boats would soon endanger them to the fire of the enemy's whole fleet. It then occurred to him to sound, which was done at half-past six P.M. When it was found that they were in twenty-six fathoms of water, the Con-

stitution mustered her hawsers and all the spare rope that could be found fit for the purpose. They were then payed down into the cutters, when a kedge was run out a long distance ahead and let go. The crew then clapped on and walked away with the ship with such life and animation that the enemy was astonished how the Constitution could leave them so fast, having not half the number of boats that were towing the Shannon. And thus while one kedge was run up, another was carried ahead. In this manner the enemy's ships were fast losing ground.

My friend Captain Brown, who was a prisoner on board the Shannon, told me that with a spy-glass he soon discovered what was going on on board the Constitution, but of course he kept the secret to himself. He said, however, that some hours after this, an officer with a glass from aloft discovered that the American frigate was kedging. They also resorted to the same expedient, but, alas! their knowledge came too late. The same gentleman said it was amusing to hear Captain Broke and his officers converse about the Yankee frigate. At one period of the chase they were so confident of capturing her that a prize officer and crew were already appointed to conduct her in triumph to Halifax. To all their questions of taking the Constitution, Captain Brown had but one answer to make, and that was, "Gentlemen, you will never take that frigate."

At half-past seven in the evening, the Constitution was favored with a light air, when she set her ensign, and fired a shot at the Shannon, the nearest ship astern. At eight, it fell calm again, when further recourse was had to the boats, and kedging. At nine, the Shannon, on which the English had put most of their boats, was fast nearing the Constitution again. There was now a

fair prospect, notwithstanding the steadiness and activity of Captain Hull and his gallant officers and crew, that the Shannon would get near enough to cripple their ship, when her capture by the rest of the squadron would be inevitable.

At this trying moment, the best spirit inspired the whole ship's company. Everything was stoppered, and Captain Hull was not without hope that should he even be forced into action by the Shannon that he would be able to silence her, and still escape from the fleet. He knew also that the enemy dare not venture too near with his boats, as it would be an easy matter to sink them with his stern guns, so that neither his officers nor men showed the least disposition to despondency. They relieved each other regularly at the trying duty of the ship, and, while the officers caught short naps on deck, the seamen slept at their guns.

But now had arrived the most critical moment of the chase. The Shannon was fast closing, the Guerriere was almost as near on the larboard quarter, so that one hour more promised to bring the long struggle to an issue; when suddenly, at nine minutes past nine, it pleased God to send a light air from the southward which struck the ship and thus brought her to-windward of her adversaries. The manner in which this advantage was improved was truly a beautiful sight, and must have been highly exciting to nautical men, and I have no doubt it was so even in the bosom of the enemy. As the wind increased the sails were trimmed to the breeze, and it was then that Old Ironsides walked away from the enemy like a thing of life.

As soon as she was under command and brought up to the wind on the starboard tack, the boats were temporarily hoisted to their places. As the Constitution

came by the wind, she brought the *Guerriere* nearly on her lee beam, when that frigate opened a fire from her broadside, but being at so great a distance, her shot fell harmless into the water. In about an hour, however, it fell calm again, when Captain Hull ordered a quantity of water to be started, in order to lighten the ship. More than two thousand gallons were pumped out, and the boats were sent ahead to tow. The enemy now put nearly all the boats of the fleet on the *Shannon*, the nearest ship astern. A few hours of prodigious exertion followed; the crew of the *Constitution* being obliged to supply the place of numbers by their activity and zeal. The ships were close-haul upon the wind, and every sail that would draw was set, but still the *Shannon* was slowly but steadily forging ahead.

About noon this day, there was a little relaxation from labor, owing to the occasional occurrence of light airs or cats-paws. By watching these baffling airs closely, the ship was urged gently through the water, but at a quarter past twelve the toilsome work of towing and kedging was renewed. At one o'clock a strange sail was discovered, nearly to leeward. At the same time the four frigates of the enemy were about one point on the lee quarter of the *Constitution*, at long gun-shot distance, the *Africa* and the two prizes being on the lee beam. As the wind was constantly baffling, any moment might have brought a change and placed the enemy to windward. At seven minutes before two, the *Belvidera*, then the nearest ship, began to fire with her bow guns, and the *Constitution* opened with her stern-chasers. On board the latter ship, it was however soon found to be dangerous to use the main-deck guns from the cabin windows—the transoms having so much rake, the windows so high and the guns so short, that every explosion

lifted the upper deck, and threatened to blow out the stern frame. Perceiving, moreover, that his shot did little or no execution, Captain Hull ordered the firing to cease, at half past two.


For several hours the enemy's frigates were nearly within gun-shot; sometimes towing and kedging, and at others endeavoring to close with the light puffs of air that occasionally passed. At seven o'clock in the evening, the boats of the Constitution were again ahead; the ship steering S.W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W. with an air so light as to be almost imperceptible. At half past seven, she sounded in twenty-four fathoms. For four hours the same toilsome duty was going on, until a little before eleven, when a light air from the southward struck the ship, and the sails, for the first time in many weary hours, were asleep. The boats instantly dropped alongside, hooked on, and were all run up, with the exception of the first cutter. The top-gallant studding sails and stay sails were set, as soon as possible, and for about an hour the people caught a little rest. But at midnight it fell calm again, though neither the pursuers nor the pursued had recourse to the boats, probably from their unwillingness to disturb their crews.

At two A.M. it was observed on board the Constitution that the Guerriere had forged ahead, and was again on their leebeam. At this time, the top-gallant studding-sails were taken in. In this manner passed the night, and on the morning of the next day it was found that three of the enemy's frigates were within long gun shot, on the lee quarter, and the other at about the same distance on the lee beam. The Africa and the prizes were much further to leeward. A little after daylight, the Guerriere, having drawn ahead sufficiently to be forward of the beam of the Constitution, tacked, when the latter

ship did the same, in order to preserve her position to windward. An hour later, the *Æolus* passed on the contrary tack, so near that it was thought by some who observed the movement that she ought to have opened her fire upon the *Constitution*. But as that vessel was only a twelve-pounder frigate, and she was still at a considerable distance, it is very probable her commander acted judiciously.

By this time there was sufficient wind to induce Captain Hull to hoist in his first cutter. The scene on the morning of this day was beautiful in the extreme. The weather was mild and lovely, the sea was as smooth as a mill-pond. There was quite wind enough to remove the necessity of any extraordinary means of getting ahead, that had been so freely used during the previous eight and forty hours. All the English ships were on the same tack with the *Constitution*, and the five frigates had everything set from their trucks to the water's edge, and appeared like beautiful white clouds as they gently ploughed through the unruffled deep. Including the American frigate, eleven sail were in sight, and shortly after a twelfth appeared to windward, which was soon ascertained to be an American merchantman. But the enemy was too intent on capturing the *Constitution* to regard any thing else, and though it would have been easy to take the ships to leeward, no attention appears to have been paid to them. With a view, however, to deceive the ship to windward, they hoisted American colors, when the *Constitution* set an English ensign by way of warning the stranger to keep aloof from the fleet.

Until ten o'clock the *Constitution* was making every preparation to carry sail hard, should it become necessary, and now sounded in twenty fathoms of water. At



noon the wind died away again to a moderate breeze, though it was found while the wind lasted that she had gained on all the enemy's ships ; more, however, on some than others. The nearest ship was the Belvidera, which vessel was exactly in the wake of the Constitution, distant about two-and-a-half miles, bearing N.N.W. The two other frigates were on the lee quarter, distant about five miles, and the Africa was hull down to leeward on the opposite tack.

This was a vast improvement on the state of things that had existed the previous day, and it allowed the officers and men to catch a little rest, though no one left the decks. The latitude, by observation this day, was  $38^{\circ} 47'$  North, and the longitude, by dead reckoning,  $73^{\circ} 57'$  West. At meridian the wind began to blow a pleasant breeze, and the sound of the water was heard rippling under the bows of the noble old ship. From this moment the Constitution slowly, though steadily, drew ahead of all her pursuers, every sail was watched and tended in the best manner that experience and seamanship could dictate. At four P.M., the Belvidera was more than four miles astern, and the other ships were left behind in the same proportion, though the wind had again become very light.

In this manner both parties kept pressing ahead and to windward as fast as possible, profiting by every little change of wind to force their ships through the water. At a little before seven A.M. there was every appearance of a heavy squall attended by rain, when the Constitution prepared to meet it with the coolness and discretion which had been displayed throughout the whole affair. The men were stationed, and everything was kept fast to the last moment, when, just before the squall struck the ship, the order was given to "clew up" and "clew down."



changed a little, they were seen steer different directions. On the other hand, after having received the force of the squall, she hoisted her fore and main-top-gallants a few moments after, was flying away from an easy bowline at the rate of eleven knots.

In a little less than an hour after having struck the ship it had entirely passed off another sight was again obtained of the *Belvidera*, the nearest ship, had altered that short period nearly two points more was a long way astern. The next nearest further to leeward and more distant ; the remaining frigates were fairly hull down, and were barely visible in the horizon !

All apprehensions of the enemy now over, still it was deemed prudent to carry sail to increase the distance, and also to preserve the gage. At half-past ten the wind backed southward, when the *Constitution*, which had been free for some time, took in her lower masts. At eleven the enemy fired two guns, and could just be discovered like a speck on the horizon.

wind was falling light, the Constitution's sails were wet down from the sky-sails to the courses. The good effect of this care was soon visible, as at six A.M. the topsails of the enemy's nearest ships were beginning to dip in the water. At a quarter past eight the English ships all hauled to the northward and eastward, and gave up the chase; fully satisfied, by a trial that had lasted nearly three days and as many nights, under all the circumstances that attend nautical manœuvres, from reefing topsails, to towing and kedging, that they had no hope of overtaking their enemy.

Thus terminated a chase that has become celebrated for its length, perseverance, coolness, and activity, and stands unparalleled on the pages of nautical history. On board of the Constitution, during the whole of this exciting period, there was no confusion or disorder, every order was judiciously given, and promptly obeyed. To effect her escape the Constitution lost not a spar, nor a sail, no anchor was cut away, no gun lost, no boat destroyed, and nothing was thrown overboard except some gallons of water. A few days after losing sight of the enemy, the noble old ship arrived safe at Boston. In conclusion I have only to add a just eulogy to her brave commander, the heroic Hull. He was cool, resolute, and discreet throughout the whole affair, and was nobly sustained by his gallant officers and crew. They are therefore entitled to their country's everlasting gratitude.

On Captain Hull's arrival at Boston, after his escape from the English squadron, he was heartily greeted by his friends, and the people of that city, on which occasion he entered the following notice on the coffee-house books:

"Captain Hull, finding his friends in Boston are correctly informed of his situation when chased by the British squadron off New-York, and that they are good

brave officers, and the crew under his command, by many great exertions and prompt attention while the enemy were in chase.

“ Captain Hull has great pleasure in saying, withstanding the length of the chase, the crew being deprived of sleep, and allowing refreshment during the time, not a murmur to escape them.”

After the memorable chase of the *Cerberus* the British fleet, they were allowed to cruise singly on and off our coast, in every manner of American vessels. It happened that not long after the separation from the coast of Nova Scotia, the little merchant ship *Adams*, on her return home to New York (she having a British license,) fell in with them, when Captain Dacres indorsed the following entry in her register :—

“ Captain Dacres, commander of his Majesty's frigate *Guerriere*, of forty-four guns, sends compliments to Commodore Rodgers, of the frigate *President*, and will be very happy to meet or any other American frigate of equal force, off Sandy Hook, for the purpose of having a friendly encounter.”

port of Boston about a week, just long enough to fill up his water, reprovision the ship, and refresh his officers and crew, when we find by his letter to the Hon. Paul Hamilton, Secretary of the Navy, dated August the 2d, 1812, that he left port on that day and stood to the eastward, along the coast, in hopes of falling in with one of the enemy's frigates which was reported to be cruising in that direction. He then ran off Halifax and Cape Sable, and after remaining near there for three or four days, without seeing anything which determined him to change his cruising-ground towards Newfoundland, bore up, and ran to the eastward, under full sail, passing near the Isle of Sable, and then hauled in and took a station off the Gulf of St. Lawrence, near Cape Race, to intercept the ships of the enemy bound either to or from Quebec or Halifax, and to be in a situation to recapture such of our vessels as they might be sending into British ports.

On the 10th of August, being off Cape Race, he fell in with a light English brig bound to Halifax, from Newfoundland, and as she was not worth sending in, he took out the crew and burned her. On the 11th he took the British brig *Adiona*, from Nova Scotia, bound to England, loaded with ship timber ; took out the crew, set her on fire, and made sail to take a station nearer Cape Race, where he continued to cruise until the morning of the 15th. At daylight five sail were in sight ahead of them, apparently a small convoy. He gave chase under a press of sail, and soon found he gained on them very fast, and discovered that one of them was a ship-of-war. At sunrise they hove about, and stood on the same tack with him. By this time he discovered that the ship of war had a brig in tow. At six, coming up very fast with the ship, she cast off her tow and set her

with her she proved to be a British prize-ship privateer of Salem. She had been a ship-of-war, but he came up with them before time to put men on board and take charge of the Constitution's boats were boarding the ship-of-war had got nearly hull down from understanding from one of the prisoners that the very fast sailer, he found it would not come up with her before night, or perhaps therefore gave chase to the brig that ran before the wind, determined to destroy all her convoy. He found he came up fast with the brig, and then making every exertion to get off, by throwing overboard all the lumber, water-casks, etc., etc. At day-break he brought-to, the chase, and found her to be the brig Adeline, from Liverpool, loaded with hemp, etc. Took the prize-master and crew out, and put the shipman Madison and a crew on board, and then proceeded to the nearest port in the United States. From the prize-master of this vessel he learned, that the ship burned by the sloop-of-war, belonged to New Bedford, was loaded with hemp, duck, last from the ship that had been brought in there in distress.

Having chased so far to the eastward as

to pass near Bermuda, and cruise off our southern coast—saw nothing till the night of the 18th ; at half-past nine, P.M., discovered a sail very near, it being dark ; made sail and gave chase, and could see that she was a brig. At eleven brought her to, sent a boat on board, and found her to be the American privateer Decatur, belonging to Salem, with a crew of one hundred and eight men, and fourteen guns, twelve of which she had thrown overboard while we were in chase of her. The captain came on board, and informed us that he saw the day before, a ship-of-war standing to the southward, and that she could not be far from us. At twelve A.M. made sail to the southward, intending, if possible, to fall in with her. The privateer stood-in for Cape Race, to make that her cruising-ground, and take ships by boarding, as she had lost all her guns but two.

The above is the substance of a journal kept by Captain Hull, on board the Constitution, from the time he left Boston up to this date, namely, August the 18th.

As Captain Hull is once more on his own element, and on the best cruising-ground he could select for English men-of-war, I will leave him there for the present, and return on shore to take a view of public opinion. With respect to naval battles ; on the one hand, the Americans had generally been accustomed to think the English navy invincible. They had so long triumphed over the French and Spanish ships-of-war, and gained so many easy victories by their superior seamanship, that the English themselves believed, or affected to believe, that one of their sloops-of-war was a match for a frigate of any other nation. Their old sea-songs had inspired them with a feeling of vanity which rendered them obnoxious to all other nations, and it seemed to be

the will of Providence that young and inexperienced America should be the first nation to humble their pride, and break the spell that had so long caused them to domineer over States less powerful than themselves. In view of all these causes, there was an intense feeling of hope and fear for the result of the first naval battle ; the whole nation, as it were, drew a long breath of anxious suspense. There were, however, some honorable exceptions to the general feeling of doubt on the subject ; there was a little band of nautical men, whose self-reliance never wavered, and whose hearts beat high with ardent desire to wipe off the stain of the attack on the Chesapeake, and other numerous wrongs and insults so long endured, that almost every seaman, to a man, throughout the whole length and breadth of the United States, panted for revenge, and they only wished for an opportunity to meet the foe upon equal terms. Everybody knew of Captain Hull's escape from the British fleet, and every man, woman, and child in the country knew he had gone to sea again to pick a quarrel with the first English frigate he could meet with, and as this was not long after the commencement of the war, the honor of the whole nation seemed involved in the result of the first naval battle. Hundreds were running to the Post-office to catch the first news from the frigate Constitution. The present generation cannot conceive of the intense feeling of anxiety that pervaded the public mind at that period. The writer of these pages was at Charleston, S. C., soon after the affair of the Constitution and Guerriere, when a patriotic lady of that city, in describing her feelings of anxiety for the safety of the Constitution after leaving Boston, she told the ladies and gentlemen present, that her heart beat pit-a-pat so loud that every one could have heard it quite across

the room; and such was the inspiring love of country, that old and young partook of the same patriotic enthusiasm; how then can it astonish any one that victory succeeded victory, whenever our ships met the enemy with anything like equal force?

The reader will observe, that I have brought the cruise of the *Constitution* down to the day before the action between the two frigates. I will here insert the following information supplied me by Capt. William B. Orne,\* (who was on board the *Guerriere* during the action), extracted from his own private journal, which commences thus:—

[“I commanded the American brig *Betsey*, in the year 1812, and was returning home from Naples, Italy, to Boston. When near the western edge of the Grand Bank of Newfoundland, on the 10th of August, 1812, I fell in with the British frigate *Guerriere*, Captain Dacres, and was captured by him. Myself and a boy were taken on board of the frigate; the remainder of my officers and men were left in the *Betsey*, and sent into Halifax, N. S., as a prize to the *Guerriere*. On the 19th of the same month, when in latitude  $41^{\circ} 41'$  North, longitude about  $55^{\circ} 40'$  West, the wind being fresh from the northward, the *Guerriere* was under double-reefed topsails during all the forenoon of this day. At two P. M., we discovered a large sail to windward, bearing about North from us. We soon made her out to be a frigate. She was steering off from the wind, with her head to the Southwest, evidently with the intention of cutting us off as soon as possible. Signals were soon made by

\* Captain Orne, at this time, May the 1st, 1856, is still living in the city of Brooklyn, N. Y. He is highly esteemed and beloved by all who know him. He is considered a man of truth and veracity, and his naked word is as good as his sealed bond.



that purpose, handed me his spy-glass, and give him my opinion of the stranger. I noticed the peculiarity of her sails, and from her appearance, that she was, without doubt a frigate, and communicated the same to ( ). He immediately replied, that he thought too boldly for an American, but soon after better he behaves, the more honor we are taking him.'

"The two ships were rapidly approaching when the *Guerriere* backed her main-top for her opponent to come down, and commenced action. He then set an English flag at the foremast, beat to quarters, and made ready for the fray. When the strange frigate came down to within three miles distance, he hauled upon the wind, and set light sails, reefed his topsails, and deliberated for action. It was now about five o'clock in the afternoon, when he filled away and ran down upon the *Guerriere*. At this moment, Captain Dacres spoke to me: 'Captain Orne, as I suppose you do not fight against your own countrymen, you had better go below the water-line.' It was not long before I retired from the quarter-deck to the cabin, of course I saw nothing more of the

to make the *Guerriere* reel, and tremble as though she had received the shock of an earthquake. Immediately after this, I heard a tremendous crash on deck, and was told the mizzen-mast was shot away. In a few moments afterward, the cock-pit was filled with wounded men. At about half-past six o'clock in the evening, after the firing had ceased, I went on deck, and there beheld a scene which it would be difficult to describe: all the *Guerriere's* masts were shot away, and as she had no sails to steady her, she lay rolling like a log in the trough of the sea. Many of the men were employed in throwing the dead overboard. The decks were covered with blood, and had the appearance of a butcher's slaughter-house; the gun tackles were not made fast, and several of the guns got loose, and were surging to and fro from one side to the other.

"Some of the petty officers and seamen, after the action, got liquor, and were intoxicated; and what with the groans of the wounded, the noise and confusion of the enraged survivors on board of the ill-fated ship, rendered the whole scene a perfect hell." ]

After having related Captain Orne's statement of the battle, I will now proceed to give Captain Hull's account of the action, with a few additional incidents and remarks, which the gallant Commodore was too modest to insert in his official report. He wrote to the Secretary of the Navy, that on the 19th of August, 1812, being in latitude  $41^{\circ} 41'$  North, longitude  $55^{\circ} 48'$  West, at two P.M., a sail was discovered from the mast-head, bearing from him E.S.E., but at so great a distance he could not tell what she was. All sail was however immediately made in chase, and he soon found he gained upon her; at three P.M. could plainly see that she was a ship under easy sail, standing close upon the wind on the

starboard tack ; at half-past three made her out to be a frigate. He continued the chase until within about three miles distance to windward of the enemy. Captain Hull then hauled to the wind, and deliberately took in all his light sails, and prepared for action ; he also took a second reef in his topsails, as the wind was blowing fresh from the northward ; he then sent down royal-yards, hauled up his courses, cleared ship, and beat to quarters. At this time the chase lay with her main-topsail aback, evidently waiting for the American frigate to come down to commence the action.

At five p.m. the *Guerriere* hoisted an English ensign at each mast-head, when the *Constitution* set her colors, bore up and ran to leeward in order to close in with the enemy to the best advantage. As the *Constitution* neared the *Guerriere*, say when within long-gun shot, the latter ship opened her fire, wearing and yawing about to rake and prevent being raked. The first two broadsides fired from the Englishman, however, were at so great a distance that little or no damage was received by the American frigate.

Up to this time, Captain Hull had reserved his fire, all his guns being double-shotted, that is to say with one round shot and a canister of grape. At six in the evening, the English frigate bore up, and ran off the wind under her three topsails and jib, with the wind on the quarter, to invite his adversary to a combat at close quarters. Immediately after this, say at a quarter after six, the *Constitution* set her main-top-gallant-sail and fore-sail, to range along side and close in with the enemy.

As she approached the *Guerriere*, that ship hulled the *Constitution* several times, and killed or wounded a few men. At this period Mr. Morris, Captain Hull's first Lieutenant, came aft on the quarter-deck (where Captain

Hull was walking, and attentively observing every movement of his adversary), and inquired of his commander whether he should not return the fire of the enemy. He said the men were very eager to fire, and that it was difficult to restrain their ardent desire to commence the action. His answer to his Lieutenant was, not to fire till he gave the order, or in plainer English, "Mr. Morris I'll tell you when to fire, therefore stand ready, and see that not a shot is thrown away." At this moment the naval hero was watching the exact position of the two ships, and as the Constitution gradually ranged up within half pistol shot, and began to double on the quarter of his opponent, Captain Hull peremptorily ordered Mr. Morris to give him the first division. "The next, sir, pour in the whole broadside," was the reiterated order. He saw the effect of this terrible broadside, and at the same moment exclaimed to those about him, "by Heavens that ship is ours."

As the two frigates now lay nearly abreast of each other, they both kept up a constant cannonading for about ten minutes, when the mizzen-mast of the Englishman was shot away not far above the deck. The Constitution still continued to range slowly ahead of his adversary, keeping up a tremendous fire. She then luffed short round the bows of the Guerriere to prevent being raked, when unfortunately, in executing this manoeuvre, she shot into the wind, got stern-way upon her, and fell foul of her antagonist, so that the Guerriere's bowsprit came in contact with the mizzen shrouds of the American frigate. In this situation both parties prepared to board, but as each ship kept up a brisk fire of musketry, while they were in collision, Lieutenant Morris, Mr. Alwyn, the sailing-master, Mr. Bush, the marine officer, and others, sprang upon the taffrail to board or

repel boarders. Several of them were shot. Mr. Morris received a musket ball in the abdomen, but remained at his post. Mr. Bush fell dead by a musket ball passing through his head, and Mr. Alwyn was wounded in the shoulder. At this moment there was considerable sea on, when the fore and main masts of the English frigate went by the board, leaving the *Guerriere* a helpless wreck, wallowing in the trough of the sea.

The two ships soon separated, when the *Constitution* at once made sail, hauling on board her fore and main tacks, and ran off a short distance to windward, when she rove new braces, and cleared ship to renew the action.

The *Guerriere* having the stump of the mizzen-mast still standing, hoisted upon it an English jack, and when Captain Dacres saw his adversary preparing to come down athwart his bows to give him the raking *coup-de-grâce*, he very wisely hauled down his flag, and surrendered to the frigate. Thus ended the first naval battle of any consequence in the war of 1812; but which was the prelude to many other glorious victories.

After the flag was struck, Captain Hull sent Mr. Reid, his third Lieutenant, on board the prize to ascertain what ship it was, when the boat was immediately sent back to report that the captured ship was the *Guerriere*, 38, Captain James R. Dacres, one of the frigates that had so lately chased the *Constitution* off New York.

Captain Hull remained near his prize during the night to watch over her safety. The next morning at daylight, the officer in charge of the prize hailed to say, that the *Guerriere* had four feet water in her hold, and that there was much danger of her sinking. Consequently, the first thing to be done was, to remove all the wounded prisoners to the *Constitution* as soon as possible, for the first impulse of a brave man, after the battle is over, is to com-

fort and soothe the wounded and the dying. Captain Hull accordingly sent all his boats, and commenced transporting the officers and men of the *Guerriere* to his own ship, and, as the weather had now become moderate, by noon on the 20th this duty was accomplished. At three o'clock in the afternoon the prize crew was recalled, having previously set the wreck on fire, and in a quarter of an hour after she blew up.

The disparity between the two ships in killed and wounded was almost unparalleled in the history of naval battles, and was by the official accounts as follows:—The loss of the *Guerriere* in killed was 15 ; missing, 24 ; wounded, 62. Total killed and wounded, and missing, 101.

The loss on board the *Constitution* was 7 killed and 7 wounded.

#### REMARKS ON THIS IMPORTANT ACTION.

Captain Dacres was the son of a British Admiral, and no doubt a brave, highminded, honorable man, but unfortunately for him, he made three grand mistakes in this affair. The first was, in holding his enemy too cheap, a very common fault among his countrymen, even down to the present day. Witness the attack of the British light-cavalry at the battle of Balaklava. The second error was, in boasting, before the battle. Had he remembered the injunction of the infallible old book, "Let not him that girdeth on his armor boast himself as he that putteth it off," it would, doubtless, have saved him much pain and mortification throughout his after life. The third mistake was, in firing too soon, for it is agreed on all hands, that he threw away two entire broadsides. This last mistake evinced a great want of cool, deliberate judgment.

On the part of Captain Hull, I should say, as a nautical

man, he also made one mistake in allowing the Constitution to get into the wind, and, consequently making a stern-board, she should have been kept under good steerage-way, for under some circumstances this getting foul of the enemy might have involved the safety of his ship. I will not, however, judge too severely, perhaps it was unavoidable. The wheel-ropes might have been injured, or some other cause connected with the steering of the ship may have occurred, which has not been related in the official account of the action.

With respect to the relative size of the two ships, there can be no doubt that the Constitution was the heavier, and that the weight of metal was also in favor of the American frigate. Still, under these circumstances, it would not have made a shade of difference if the Guerriere's main-deck guns had been twenty-fours in lieu of eighteens.

It matters not how large a shot may be, if it is badly directed and thrown into the water, or, the gun so elevated as to have the shot pass through the upper air, or the lofty sails of the enemy. It will be observed, that Captain Hull received the random shot of his adversary as he closed in with him. He, no doubt, expected to suffer some damage before he should, as it were, crush his enemy, for it will be recollected, his guns were all double-shotted, viz., with round grape and canister, and as soon as he poured in the first destructive broadside he saw that the game was his, and, that he had given the Guerriere a death blow.

Hair-splitting casuists may weigh straws and solve probable results, and cavil about the great disparity of the two ships, but the common sense conclusion is, that the English had met a new enemy in the American seamen, and were disappointed and confounded; they

found the American officers and men fully equal in bravery and seamanship to themselves.

They had for years been accustomed to vanquish the French and Spanish ships-of-war, by their superior skill in sailing and manœuvring their ships : not that they excelled the French in bravery, for there is no braver people on the face of the earth : neither can the English excel them in gunnery, for they are great cannoneers, and can vie with them in everything pertaining to war, except practical seamanship. It had long been the custom with the English, in their engagements with the French and Spanish, both in fleets and with single ships, as they approached their adversaries, to fire a gun or two as feelers, to ascertain whether they were near enough for their shot to take effect, and then manœuvre so as to rake their enemy, and gain the victory with but little loss to themselves. It is therefore more than probable, that Captain Dacres acted on the same old principle with the *Constitution*, not dreaming that she would so soon close in with him, with a determination to conquer or sink.

From the commencement to the end of the war, the same practice and determination were carried out with all our ships-of-war. The old-fashioned way of playing at long balls, for several hours with their enemy, does not suit the nature or taste of the Americans. They make up their minds on a subject, and then, to use a familiar phrase, "go-ahead," regardless of consequences. And so it will ever be with republicans, each individual feels as though the honor of the flag and of the country rested upon his shoulders ; that he is a citizen of the United States ; is fighting for the land that gave him birth, and not for a tyrannical master, who has no feelings in common with him.



The American seamen in this trial of strength, and in most other naval battles during the war, went into action dancing at their guns, and telling their officers, "Gentlemen, you take care of the flags and the quarter-deck, and we will do the fighting."

Captain Hull, finding his ship filled with prisoners, many of whom were suffering from their wounds, made sail for Boston, where he arrived on the 30th of the month, after a cruise of just twenty-eight days.

On his return to Boston, after his glorious victory, and destruction of the *Guerriere*, he was welcomed with heartfelt joy by all classes of people. An artillery company was posted on the wharf, and greeted him with a federal salute, which was returned by the *Constitution*.

An immense number of citizens received him with loud and unanimous huzzas in every part of the city. The principal streets were beautifully decorated with American flags, and men of all ranks and distinctions appeared to vie with each other to do him honor. A splendid entertainment was given by the inhabitants of Boston to Captain Hull and the brave officers belonging to his ship. The citizens of New York raised a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing swords, which were to be presented to him and his gallant officers. The people of Philadelphia also subscribed funds to purchase two superb pieces of plate to be given to the naval hero and his first Lieutenant, the gallant Morris. In Baltimore the flags of all the vessels in the harbor were displayed in honor of Captain Hull's victory over the *Guerriere*, and a grand salute fired. In fine, the whole country was electrified, and the entire heart of the Nation beat high in his praise.

## CHAPTER II.

LIST OF FRIGATES FIT FOR SEA—FIRST BRITISH SHIP CAPTURED AND SENT INTO NORFOLK—CAPTURE OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT SCHOONER WHITING—COMBAT BETWEEN THE LETTER-OF-MARQUE-SCHOONER FALCON AND THE BRITISH CUTTER HERO—SIXTY-FIVE PRIVATEERS AND LETTERS-OF-MARQUE AT SEA ON THE 16TH OF JULY, 1812—FOUR PRIVATEERS LEAVE THE CAPE OF THE DELAWARE ON THE 20TH OF JULY—PRIERS ARRIVING ALMOST DAILY IN THE ATLANTIC PORTS—SUCCESSFUL CRUISE OF THE PRIVATEER-SCHOONER FAME, OF SALEM—CAPTURE OF A BRITISH TRANSPORT BRIG, SENT INTO GLOUCESTER—ESCAPE OF THE PRIVATEER SLOOP POLLY FROM THE ENGLISH SLOOP-OF-WAR INDIAN—CAPTURE OF THE SHIP MARGARET BY THE PRIVATEER TRAKER—EXTRACT FROM A LONDON NEWSPAPER—BRITISH BRIG LEONIDAS SENT INTO SAVANNAH BY THE MARS—CAPTURE OF THE BRITISH SHIP S. CLARK BY THE GLOBE, SENT INTO NORFOLK—PRIVATEER JOHN RETURNS TO SALEM, AFTER A SUCCESSFUL CRUISE—COMMODORE BARNET ARRIVES AT NEWPORT IN THE ROSSIE, ON THE 30TH OF AUGUST, AFTER A SUCCESSFUL CRUISE—A SEVERE FIGHT BETWEEN THE PRIVATEER SHADOW AND BRITISH SHIP MARY—BRITISH SHIP QUEBEC CAPTURED BY THE SARATOGA—CHASE OF THE PRIVATEER JACK'S FAVORITE BY HIS MAJESTY'S SCHOONER SUBTLE, AND THE LOSS OF THE LATTER.

WHEN I commenced writing the history of the privateers and letters-of-marque, it was not my intention to enter deeply into the exploits and achievements of our gallant little navy, either on the broad ocean or on our extensive lakes, but merely to intersperse my book with a few of the most brilliant combats between single ships. But, as I advance, I find the two subjects so intimately connected, that it is with great difficulty I am able to proceed without giving a sketch, or short outline of the war.

In following up the chain of events from its commencement, it will be necessary to insert here a list of the American frigates, that were well-manned and efficient, when the war was declared, on the 18th of June, 1812.

Constitution, . . . . .	44 Guns.
President, . . . . .	44 "
United States, . . . . .	44 "
Congress, . . . . .	38 "
Constellation . . . . .	38 "
Chesapeake, . . . . .	38 "
Essex, . . . . .	32 "

Beside the above seven frigates, there were some twelve or fifteen sloops-of-war and smaller vessels, lying in the naval dockyards. Some of these ships were repairing, others unseaworthy, and not fit for present service. Consequently, it followed that the before-named seven frigates were left to contend with the whole British navy, amounting in number, at that period, to one thousand and sixty sail, eight hundred of which were efficient cruising ships, and a large portion of them at sea.

Against such an overwhelming disparity of numbers, while numerous merchant-vessels were spread over almost every sea, what was the best policy for the American government to pursue? The question is easily answered. Send these frigates immediately to sea to protect our own merchant-ships, and order them to take, burn, sink, and destroy the enemy, wherever he should be found. Also, tell them that if they meet a man-of-war of equal or even superior force, should the disparity not be too great, to attack him forthwith, regardless of consequences.

For the result of such a determination, I refer the reader to Cooper's Naval History, and to the official government documents on that subject.

After these remarks respecting the United States' navy, I will go on to record the daring exploits of the privateers and letters-of-marque.

Before I commence with the prizes made by the pri-

vateers, I will just stop to notice that the first English merchantman captured, was a British ship from Jamaica, bound to London (she was probably taken off Cape Hatteras), and sent into Norfolk by a revenue cutter. This occurred about the 1st of July, say twelve days after the declaration of war.

On the 10th of July, the British government schooner Whiting, Lieut. Maxey, with despatches from his government to the government of the United States, was taken while lying in Hampton Roads (he not having heard of the war), without resistance, by the privateer Dash, of Baltimore, Captain Carroway. The Dash, at this time, was ready for sea, and bound on a cruise for British merchantmen.

On the 18th of July, the letter-of-marque schooner Falcon, belonging to Baltimore, on her passage from Boston to Bordeaux, with four guns and sixteen men, when on the coast of France, was engaged with the British cutter Hero, with five guns and fifty men for two hours and a-half, and finally beat her off, with considerable loss on both sides, after repulsing the enemy three times in his attempts to board. On the next day, the Falcon was attacked by a British privateer of six guns and forty men, and although considerably injured by her engagement with the cutter the day previous, the privateer commenced a heavy fire on the Falcon, which she bravely returned for an hour and a-half, when the captain and several of the crew of the Falcon being wounded, she was carried by boarding, while her colors were still flying. They were carried into Guernsey, where the wounded were taken on shore.

I find the following in a New York paper, dated July 14th: "We believe that in sixty days from the day on which war against England was declared, there will be

from the United States not less than one hundred  
privateers, carrying upon an average six guns and  
twenty-five men. If these are successful, their number  
probably be doubled in a short time. At any rate,  
five were at sea on the 16th, and many others are  
sailing out from different ports which have not been  
mentioned.

*Philadelphia, July the 20th.*—This day four priva-  
teers of considerable force left the capes of the Delaware  
Bay, and others are preparing to follow. In the  
early part of this month, prizes were almost daily pour-  
ing in from most of the Atlantic ports."

SHIPS TAKEN BY PRIVATEERS DURING THE MONTH OF JULY.

The privateer Paul Jones, of New York, captured the  
brig Ulysses from the West Indies for Halifax,  
and sent her into Norfolk.

The letter-of-marque Gypsey of New York for Bor-  
ne, was captured by a British cruiser, and retaken by

was absent, the Madison pounced upon the transport and took her. On board of the transport were found one hundred casks of gunpowder, eight hundred and eighty suits of uniform for the 104th British Regiment light infantry, some bales of superfine cloths for officer's uniforms, ten casks of wine, drums, trumpets, and other camp equipage. She was a fine brig, 290 tons burthen, and with her cargo, was supposed to be worth \$50,000.

*Arrived at Salem*, July 15th British sloop Endeavor, Newman, of Bermuda from Newfoundland, bound to St. Andrews, with sugar, prize to the privateer-sloop Polly, of that port. The prize-master of the Endeavor reported that off Cape Sable, the Polly and Dolphin privateers discovered a ship and brig in company, both of which they took to be merchantmen, and their determination was in the first place to board the ship, but having proceeded nearly within gun-shot of her, discovered she was an English sloop-of-war of twenty-two guns (probably the Indian), when she immediately crowded all sail and stood for the Polly, firing several shots, which, however, did not reach her. It afterwards became calm, when the sloop-of-war manned out her launch, and several boats, with about forty men; coming within musket-shot, she gave three cheers, and commenced a brisk fire of musketry and one four-pound cannon, which the Polly immediately returned with such a tremendous fire of musketry and langrage, that in a few minutes the launch was silenced and struck her colors, and the other boats were glad to return to their ship. The sloop-of-war being nearly within gun-shot, the privateer took to her sweeps and succeeded in making her escape.

The loss of the Englishman could not be ascertained, but it must have been severe. The launch came up to

ly with sixteen sweeps—only five could be seen  
he returned to the ship.

sloop sustained no injury! The brig in company  
e transport which was sent into Gloucester, hav-  
en captured by the Madison, while the sloop-of-  
as in chase of the Polly.

British schooner which had arrived at Amelia  
about the middle of July, from New Providence,  
20,000 specie on board was detained by the re-  
gutter. The prizes lately made in that neighbor-  
t that time, were of great value.

privateer Madison of Gloucester, Mass., captured  
sh ship of twelve guns. Ten or twelve prizes had  
r reached Salem. Seven privateers sailed from  
ore, on or about the 10th of July, on a cruise.  
them, the schooner *Rossie*, was commanded by  
lebrated Commodore Barney. Several others  
ting out, and were expected to sail in a few days.

American ship *Margaret*, on her passage from  
ed to the United States loaded with a valuable

had but one gun; she had two men wounded. The captain of the *Eliza* was badly wounded.

An English brig, laden with sugar, together with six or seven small vessels from Eastport, had recently been captured, and sent into various eastern ports.

By order of Governor Mitchell, of Georgia, seventeen English vessels, laden with timber for the use of the British navy, were captured at St. Mary's and at Amelia Island, as soon as he knew the declaration of war.

A fine English brig from Liverpool, bound to St. John's, arrived at Marblehead, a prize to the privateers *Lion* and *Snow Bird*. The brig had six guns, but made no resistance.

The first English vessel that arrived at Baltimore was on the 26th of July, viz., a British schooner, loaded with sugar, a prize to the *Dolphin*. Her cargo was valued at \$18,000.

EXTRACT FROM A BALTIMORE PAPER, DATED JULY 18.

"We are pleased to observe the spirit that prevails in the eastern States. Though England has many friends in that region, a large majority of the people are full of patriotism, and are determined to carry on the war with enterprise and vigor, knowing that the more they distress the enemy, the sooner we shall have a permanent peace. There is not, perhaps, one port in the whole of the eastern States where they have not one or more privateers, and the most of them have sailed in pursuit of the enemy. We believe the whole number afloat up to this day is about one hundred."

OPINION OF THE ENGLISH PRESS ON THE WAR.

I herewith insert the following article extracted from the *London Statesman* newspaper, dated June the 10th,



1812, eight days previous to our declaration of war against England. This article will serve to show that the opposition or liberal party in Britain knew something of the American character, while the Tory aristocrats were not only blind to justice, but also to their own interest :

**I**t has been stated, that in a war with this country America has nothing to gain. In opposition to this assertion it may be said, with equal truth, that in a war with America, England has nothing to gain, but much to lose. Let us examine the relative situation of the two countries. America cannot certainly pretend to wage a maritime war with us. She has no navy to do it with. But America has nearly 100,000 as good seamen as any in the world, all of whom would be actively employed against our trade on every part of the ocean in their fast sailing ships-of-war, many of which will be able to cope with our small cruisers ; and they will be found to be sweeping the West India seas, and even carrying desolation into the chops of the channel. Every one must recollect what they did in the latter part of the American war. The books at Lloyd's will recount it ; and the rate of assurances at that time will clearly prove what their diminutive strength was able to effect in the face of our navy, and that, when nearly one hundred privateers were flying on their coast. Were we then able to prevent their going in and out, or stop them from taking our trade and our storeships, even in sight of our garrisons ? Besides, were they not in the English and Irish channels, picking up our homeward bound trade, sending their prizes into French and Spanish ports, to the great terror and annoyance of our merchants and ship owners ?

“ These are facts which can be traced to a period when

America was in her infancy, without ships, without seamen, without money, and at a time when our navy was not much less in strength than at present. The Americans will be found to be a different sort of enemy by sea than the French. They possess nautical knowledge, with equal enterprise to ourselves. They will be found attempting deeds which a Frenchman would never think of; and they will have all the ports of our enemy open, in which they can make good their retreat with their booty. In a predatory war on commerce, Great Britain would have more to lose than to gain, because the Americans would retire within themselves, having everything they want for supplies, and what foreign commerce they might have, would be carried on in fast-sailing armed ships, which, as heretofore, would be able to fight or run away, as best suited their force or inclination. Much is also to be apprehended from the desertion of our seamen, who will meet with every encouragement in the United States, by protecting laws made in their favor, perhaps large douceurs offered for their disaffection, and it is well known the predilection which our sailors have for the American shores. These are considerations which by far outweigh any advantages that ought partially to arise to individuals from a few scattering prizes that might be taken by our cruizers. Their harvest seems much more abundant under those wretched and impolitic regulations, called the Orders in Council, the existence of which gives rise to the present differences between the two countries, has drained our treasury, and is starving thousands of our manufacturing brethren. America could sustain no possible injury, but internal taxation, from a war with this country, which would not bear any proportion to what we might feel from the circumstances already mentioned, and from

we would most seriously have to apprehend ; for  
s, without a large military force, durst not enter  
s of the United States, and that military force,  
present situation, is nowhere to be found. The  
e consequence would be the starvation of our  
dia colonies, and the loss of Upper, if not of  
Canada ; while the total want of specie (which  
has been wholly drawn from the United States)  
our troops at Halifax and Quebec, could not fail  
rate the mischief." }

## PRIZES TAKEN DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

British vessel Wabisch, laden with timber, and  
to Salem by the privateer-schooner Dolphin.  
ner Ann sent into Charleston, by the privateer  
oil of that place.

Tarrett, with two guns and eighteen men, in bal-  
n Bristol, England, for St. Andrews, sent into

Schooner —, laden with sugar and indigo, sent into Portland by the Argus of Boston.

Schooner Fanny, from St. Croix for St. Andrews, in ballast, sent into Baltimore by the Dolphin, valued at \$18,000.

Ship Mary, from Bristol, England, for St. John's carrying fourteen heavy guns, a valuable vessel, having on board a considerable quantity of arms and ammunition, sent into Salem by the Dolphin.

Schooner —, laden with provisions, sent into Wiscasset, by the Fair Trader.

Schooner Diligent, with fifty-five pipes of brandy, sent into Salem by the Polly.

Two schooners with cargoes of provisions, pork, corn, etc., sent into Salem by the Snowbird, of that place.

Schooner Jane, from the West Indies for Halifax, sent into Marblehead by the Dolphin.

Ship Ann Green, of four hundred and thirty tons, carrying eight twelve-pounders, and two long-sixes, an excellent vessel, from Jamaica for Greenock, with a cargo of rum, etc., valued at \$50,000, sent into Boston by the Gossamer, of that port.

Barque St. Andrews, carrying eight guns, sent into Portland, by the Rapid of Boston.

Schooner Nelson, laden with oil, furs, fish, etc., sent into Salem by the Buckskin.

Schooner —, sent into Machias by the Fame.

Schooner Three Brothers, sent into Boston by the Wiley Reynard, of that port.

Barque —, sent into Portland, by the Catherine of Boston.

Brig —, in ballast, captured by the Polly, ransomed after taking out a few bales of dry-goods.

Schooner Eliza, of Halifax, from Jamaica, sent into Salem by the Polly.

Brig Lady Sherbrook, two hundred and fifty tons burthen, armed with four six-pounders, laden with lumber and fish, sent into New York by the Marengo of that port.

Brig Elizabeth and Esther, from St. Johns, for Bermuda, with a cargo of fish, pork, and some dry goods sent into Philadelphia, by the Governor McKean of Philadelphia.

Brig Ranger, from St. Domingo for London, carrying six guns, laden with coffee and logwood, captured by the Matilda of Philadelphia, and sent into that port after a short engagement, in which the British Captain was mortally wounded.

Schooner Polly, sent into Boston by the Wiley Reynard.

A ship and two brigs sent into Wiscasset, by the Wiley Reynard.

Sloop Mary Ann, laden with three thousand bushels of salt, sent into Philadelphia by the Paul Jones, of New York.

— [Ship Hassan, of London, from Gibraltar for Havana carrying 14 guns, and twenty men, laden with wine and dry goods, etc., worth \$200,000, captured after half an hour's combat, with the loss of her captain, and a boat wounded, by the Paul Jones, then of three guns.] The guns of the Hassan were transferred to the privateer and the vessel ordered for Savannah.

Brig Harmony, from Greenock for Quebec, a fine vessel, two hundred and fifty tons burthen, carrying four heavy guns, laden with a cargo of dry-goods, etc., sent into New York by the Yankee, of Bristol, R. I.

Brig, —, captured by the Yankee, and given up for the purpose of disposing of her prisoners.

— Ship Braganza, from Port-au-Prince, for London

mounting twelve guns, burthen four hundred tons, deeply laden with coffee and logwood, captured and sent into Baltimore by the Tom of that port, after a running fight of fifty-five minutes. }

Brig Peter Waldo, from Newcastle, England, for Halifax, with a full cargo of British manufactures, clearing for the captors \$100,000, sent into Portland by the Teazer, of New York.

Ship Prince Adolphus, from Martinique for Falmouth, England, mounting eight guns, with thirty-six men, among whom were the Governor, Collector, and Postmaster of Demarara, sent into Philadelphia by the Governor McKean, of that port.

Brig Ceres, a valuable vessel, sent into Salem by the John, of that port.

Brig —, laden with timber, taken by a Salem privateer, recaptured by the English, and retaken and sent into Gloucester by a Lynn privateer.

Brig William, from Bristol, England, for St. Johns, with a cargo of coal, butter and sundries, sent into Boston by the Rossie, Commodore Barney, of Baltimore.

One ship, five brigs and a schooner, all laden with fish and timber, captured by the Rossie and burned.

Brig Mary, from Scotland for Newfoundland, captured by the Yankee and released, to dispose of her prisoners, forty-seven in number.

Schooner Venus, with one hundred and nineteen punch-eons of rum, a quantity of sugar, fruits, etc., sent into Portland by the Teazer.

Ship Osborne, ten guns, eighteen pounders, twenty-six men, from Gibraltar for St. Andrews, in ballast, burthen five hundred tons, sent into Portland by the Teazer, after a long fight, in which no person on either side was injured. It is said the government of Nova

offered \$30,000 for the Teazer. This privateer carried only two guns, and at the time she captured the *borne*, had not thirty men.

*Eliza*, from Jamaica for Halifax, laden with rum and sugar, sent into New York by the *Marengo* of that

*Richard*, three hundred tons, laden with timber, sent to Marblehead by the *Industry* of Lynn.

*Nancy*, with a full cargo of provisions, sent into New York by the *Fair Trader*, of that port.

—, from Quebec for the West Indies, laden with rum, sent into New York by the *Bunker Hill*.

*poner* —, sent into Providence by the *Leander*, of Providence, R. I.

*Leonidas*, of fourteen guns; a first-rate vessel, from Jamaica for Belfast, laden with about two hundred and thirty hogsheads of sugar, seventy-five puncheons of rum, coffee, pimento, etc., sent into Savannah by the *of Norfolk*. The brig was carried by boarding

Pointe-à-Pitre for Halifax, a very valuable vessel, laden with sugar and rum, sent into Portland by the Teazer.

DESPERATE ENCOUNTER BETWEEN THE PRIVATEER-BRIG YANKEE  
AND THE BRITISH LETTER-OF-MARQUE SHIP ROYAL BOUNTY.\*

The privateer Yankee was cruising off the coast of Nova Scotia, on the 1st of August, 1812. At noon, she saw a large ship on her lee bow, about four miles distant, and made all sail in chase. At one P.M. she prepared for action. The privateer being to windward, she ran down on the ship's weather-quarter, and gave her the first division, and soon after, as she doubled on the enemy, gave her the entire broadside.

The ship soon returned the compliment, and the action was continued with spirit on both sides. The two vessels being near each other, the Yankee's marines poured a continued volume from her small arms, which was very destructive to her adversary.

The privateer's shot soon cut the ship's sails and rigging to pieces, and killed the helmsman. In a few moments after, the ship became unmanageable. The Yankee then ran off a short distance and luffed-to athwart the bows of the foe, and gave him a raking broadside, keeping up at the same time a constant shower of musketry, which soon compelled the enemy to strike his colors.

The ship proved to be the Royal Bounty, Captain Henry Gambles. She was a fine ship of 658 tons, mounting ten guns, with twenty-five men. She was from Hull, in ballast, seven weeks out, and bound to Prince Edward's Island. The privateer took out the prisoners, and manned the prize for the United States.

The Yankee had three men wounded, with her sails and rigging somewhat damaged.

\* See Appendix.



Royal Bounty had two men killed; the captain and six officers and seamen wounded.

The action lasted one hour.

The ship was terribly cut up in her sails and rigging. Her boats were stove, and more than one hundred heavy shot of different sizes passed through her sails, lodged in her hull and spars.

The wounded prisoners were carefully attended by the Yankee's surgeon.

#### PRIZES CAPTURED BY PRIVATEERS.

A brig and a schooner captured by the *Rossie*, and sent to Newfoundland, with the crews of the above vessels, one hundred and eight in number, on parole and sent for exchange.

Comodore Barney sent his compliments to Admiral Boscawen, desiring the poor fellows might be fairly treated, and promising a larger supply very soon.

The schooner *Perseverance*, from St. Augustine for Nas-

Brig *Amelia*, ten guns and seventeen men, from *Malta* for *Havana*, with a valuable cargo of wine, castile soap, oil, etc., etc, sent into *Charleston* by the *Mary-Ann* carried but one gun and fifty men.

Schooner *Mary*, from *Gonaives* for *Jamaica*, laden with cotton, captured by the *Mary Ann*, and burnt.

Schooner —, (armed) after a smart brush taken by the *Mary Ann*, and discharged to release her prisoners.

Schooner *Union*, from *Jamaica* for *Quebec*, with 146 puncheons of rum ; vessel and cargo worth \$30,000, sent into *Salem* by the *John*, of that port.

Brig *Elizabeth*, from *Gibraltar* for *Quebec*, in ballast, burthen 300 tons, four guns and twelve men, sent into *Salem* by the *John*.

Three brigs, laden with lumber, taken by the *John* and released.

A schooner and a sloop, from *St. Johns* for *Halifax*, laden with lumber, sent into *Gloucester* by the *Orlando*, of that port.

Brig —, from *Jamaica* for *Halifax*, with a full cargo of rum, sent into *Charleston*, by the *Bunker-Hill*, of *New York*.

Brig *James*, sent into *Falmouth*, by the *Bunker Hill*.

Ship *Apollo*, eight guns, burthen 400 tons, sent into *Salem* by the *John*.

In *Long Island Sound*, a deeply laden brig, from *Jamaica*, prize to the *Teazer* privateer.

A schooner, from *Jamaica*, with 160 puncheons of rum, prize to the *John*.

The *John* had taken three new brigs, bound from *Halifax* to *England*, laden with lumber. Also one ship of 400 tons, coppered, in ballast ; having eight eighteens.

John was left in chase of a ship from England of  
as, laden with dry goods.

Prisoner Sally, of Cape Ann, from Cayenne, with a  
cargo of molasses, was sent into Newport on the 10th  
by a privateer belonging to that place.

Privateer ship Alfred, of sixteen guns and one  
and thirty men, sailed from Salem on a cruise  
in the month of August.

*Philadelphia, August 20th.* — "The privateer-schooner  
is below. She put into port in distress, having  
been damaged in an action with a letter-of-marque.  
Taylor had 2 men killed and 12 wounded."

Privateer Globe, of Baltimore, arrived at Hampton  
accompanied by a very large British ship, show-  
ing twenty-two guns. She was from Jamaica, bound  
for Glasgow, and richly laden. The ship came up the  
river and the Globe proceeded again to sea as quickly as  
possible.

Prisoner Ann, another prize to the Globe, carrying

arrived, three were destroyed, one retaken, and the rest not then heard of.

EXTRACT FROM A SALEM PAPER.

"The privateer *Buckskin*, of Salem, has taken four loaded schooners, one of them with fish and English goods. She has also retaken a *Kennebunk* brig. The *Buckskin* spoke yesterday in the bay a prize to the sloop *Polly*, loaded with fifty-five pipes of brandy and two cases of pocket-books. Among the prizes taken by the *Buckskin* was a schooner from Halifax for Quebec, laden with military stores, on board of which was Colonel Pearson of the British army, his lady and family. The *Buckskin* also recaptured the brig *Hesper*, taken by the *Maidstone* frigate.

"The privateer *Dolphin*, after a successful cruise of twenty days, returned to Salem on the 23d of July. The *Dolphin* has taken six prizes without receiving the smallest injury. She was repeatedly chased by the English, and at one time for twenty-four hours, but finally escaped. She has treated her prisoners with the greatest kindness. In rowing away from men-of-war, she found great aid from their voluntary assistance. The prisoners said they had much rather go to America than return on board a British man-of-war."

EXTRACT FROM THE LOG-BOOK OF THE SCHOONER *HIGHFLYER*,  
OF BALTIMORE.

"On the 26th of July, off the Double-headed Shot Keys, at half-past four P.M., discovered a sail standing North and West; gave chase. At seven P.M. came up with and boarded the British schooner *Harriet*, in ballast from New Providence, bound to Havana. She carried three black men and one boy, two gentlemen and one lady passen-

Put on board Captain Taylor as prize-master, and  
d her for the first port in the United States. The  
ay the Captain of the Harriet informed Captain  
that there was money concealed on board ; we  
d her, and found \$8,000 in specie. Next day,  
through the Gulf. On the 19th August, latitude  
, at six A.M., discovered a fleet bearing S.S.W.,  
two leagues ; wore ship and made sail, endeavor-  
get to the windward, for the purpose of recon-  
ng them. Next day, at half-past one P.M., the  
from the fleet gave chase to us, steering various  
s. At five P.M. dropped him, still pursuing the  
on. At six saw them bearing North. The next  
1st, at five P.M., the wind moderate, brought-to  
arded the British ship Diana, Captain Harvey, one  
Jamaica fleet, bound to Bristol, burthen 353 tons,  
with rum, sugar, coffee, etc. Took out her crew,  
prize-master and ten men on board, and ordered  
the first port in the United States. At the same

twenty minutes, when we boarded and carried the Jamaica, the Mary and Ann striking her colors at the same time. It is with pleasure we state that every man and officer acted with great courage and determined resolution, but we are sorry to announce that Captain Gavet was unfortunately wounded about the middle of the action, by a musket ball, which passed through his right arm ; also one ordinary seaman, slightly wounded in the cheek. The Highflyer received several shot in her sails ; her gib and flying jib-stay were shot away, and her foremast wounded. Manned both ships ; put Mr. Brown (prize-master) and eight men on board the Mary and Ann, and Mr. Grant and fourteen men on board the Jamaica, and ordered them for the first port in the United States. Both ships were richly laden with sugar, rum, coffee, logwood, etc. Several of their seamen were wounded, but none killed. The prizes arrived safely."

EXTRACT FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE PRIVATEER GLOBE, OF  
BALTIMORE.

"On the *24th July*, the Globe left the Capes of the Chesapeake Bay, in company with the letter-of-marque Cora, and proceeded to sea. The Globe was well manned, having a crew of eighty seamen, all in good spirits.

"On the *25th*, spoke the ship Marmion, from New Orleans for Baltimore.

"*26th*—Spoke the ship South Carolina, from the same port, bound for the same place. Boarded a large ship from Havana for New York, all well.

"*27th*—Boarded a schooner from the West Indies, for New England, which had fallen in with four sail of merchantmen, without convoy, three days before. Brought-

oner Polly of Boston, from Havana for New York, and her papers, etc.

—Brought-to ship Camilla, of Philadelphia, from the same port. Boarded a Swedish schooner, Bart's, for Norfolk, and while overhauling rig at the mast-head, discovered a sail ahead, we gave chase to, but lost her in the night.

—Saw a sail to which we gave chase, and in three hours were within gun-shot, when we commenced firing. She hoisted British colors, and returned with her stern-chasers, two long-nines, which continued for about forty minutes, against our long (sidships), that being the only gun we could get as it was blowing fresh and she crowded all sail; when we got close enough we began to fire broadsides with round shot, double shotted, and then with (and round), which she returned, broadside (side; when we got within musket-shot and fired volleys into her she struck, after a brisk en-

Saw a schooner and gave chase, but lost her in the night ; saw another sail the same night, which also escaped.

" At eleven A.M. saw Bermuda, we passed within gunshot ; cruised off under British colors.

" 3d.—At sunset, saw a sail ahead, standing toward us, when we got near enough, manœuvred for two hours ; she appeared to be an English sloop-of-war ; she gave chase, but soon gave it up, as she did not make any way with us.

" 4th—Saw a schooner to windward, and chased all day, sweeps out from four to eight P.M. ; she altered her course, and escaped under cover of the night.

" 8th—Officers and men put on an allowance of three quarts of water per day, for cooking, etc.

" 9th—The seamen exchanged their liquor, quart for quart, for water.

" 14th—Saw a sail ahead to which we gave chase, and captured without resistance. She proved to be the British schooner *Ann*, from the City of St. Domingo for Guernsey, laden with mahogany and logwood ; mounts four guns, and carries nine men, (arrived.)"

#### PRIZES CAPTURED BY PRIVATEERS.

Ship *Elizabeth*, ten guns, twelve-pounders, from Jamaica for England, laden with three hundred and twenty-three hogsheads of sugar, some tierces and barrels of do., with a quantity of coffee and ginger, etc. ; sent into Charleston by the *Sarah Ann*, of Baltimore, after a smart action, in which four men were wounded on board the ship, and two on board the privateer.

Schooner *James*, from Porto Rico for Martinique, in ballast, sent into Baltimore by the *Dolphin*, of that port. The *Dolphin* destroyed several droppers.



Pursuit, from Poole for St. Andrews, sent into  
by the Rapid, privateer.

Tay, from Dundee for Pictou, N. B., sent into  
by the Rapid.

Britannia, six guns, 350 tons, a new vessel in  
from Portsmouth, England, for Halifax, sent  
— by the Thrasher, privateer.

Howe, six guns, in ballast, from Penzance for  
sent into Portland by the Dart, of that port.

Elizabeth, of Liverpool, 165 tons, laden with  
nt into Newport, R. I., by the Decatur, privateer.

—, from Jamaica, for London, sent into Cape

—, fourteen guns and twenty-five men, bur-  
0 tons, laden with 449 hhds. of sugar, 140 pun-  
of rum, etc., sent into Portland by the Revenge,  
er.

Ocean, seven guns, twenty-six men, from Ja-  
or White Haven, laden with sugar and rum, sent

by the Sentiment, of that port.

side officers, 800 tons burthen, deeply laden with West India produce, worth \$200,000, captured on her voyage from Jamaica for London, and sent into Portsmouth by the privateer Thomas.

Ship Adonis, of Greenock, twelve guns and twenty-five men, a valuable vessel, in ballast from Newfoundland, for Nova Scotia, sent into Salem by the Montgomery, privateer.

Ship Falmouth, fourteen guns, thirty men, from Jamaica, for Bristol (E.), with a cargo valued at \$200,000, sent into Portsmouth by the Thomas, of that port.

Brig Two Friends, sent into Boston by the Benjamin Franklin, privateer.

Snow Friends, six guns, burthen 290 tons, laden with timber, sent into Boston by the Dart.

Schooner Trial, sent into Salem by the Leader, of Providence.

Schooner John and George, sent into Boston by the Regulator, privateer.

Ship —, chiefly laden with rum, sent into Wilmington, North Carolina, by the Poor Sailor, of Charleston.

Brig —, with 260 hhds. of rum, sent into Portland by the Dart.

Schooner Mary Ann, with a cargo of rum and coffee, sent into Norfolk by the privateer Black Joke, of New York.

Brig Hannah, from Oporto for Quebec, with rum and fruit, sent into Salem by the Montgomery.

Schooner Mary, from Lisbon for Halifax, with some specie, sent into Salem by the same.

Brig —, sent into Castine by the Dart.

Brig Pomona, two guns, captured by the Decatur and sent to Halifax as a cartel with prisoners.

Brig Devonshire, laden with fish, captured by the same, and sent to France to sell her cargo.

Concord, captured by the Dart and burnt.

Hope, captured by the same, and sent to Halifax  
isoners, as above.

Decatur returned to port after a cruise of forty-  
days, during which she captured eleven vessels,  
of them very large and valuable.

Minorea, from Jamaica, for Cuba, sent into  
ah by the Wasp, of Baltimore.

William and Charlotte, sent into Boston by  
Decatur, privateer.

CT FROM A NEW YORK NEWSPAPER, DATED AUGUST 20.

observe with much pride and pleasure, that  
conduct of our privateersmen is in general so  
and liberal as to command the respect of their  
, and to afford no room for the clamor of those  
to the system of privateering."

GNANIMITY—Arrived at New York on the 24th  
the schooner Industry, Captain Renneaux, prize

men, and privateer-sloop *Science*, Fernald, sailed from this port on a cruise. Two other privateers were fitting out at the same time.

*Norfolk, Sept. 3d*—The schooner *Hornet*, a privateer fitted out in Baltimore, was run ashore nineteen miles to the South of Cape Henry, by a British man-of-war, and bilged.

Commodore Barney arrived at Newport on the 30th of August, in his schooner *Rossie*, from a short but successful cruise of forty-five days, along the eastern coast of the United States. During his absence he captured fifteen vessels nine of the number he burned or sunk. The vessels captured amounted to about 2,914 tons, and were manned by 166 men. The estimated value of these vessels was \$1,289,000. Commodore Barney remained in this port about eight or ten days to water, provision, and refresh the crew of his privateer, for another cruise.

During his stay in this port, the writer of these pages had the pleasure of lodging in the same hotel with him, and dining daily at the same table in his society. He was very agreeable and gentlemanly in conversation, full of life and animation, very enthusiastic in character, and was in every sense of the word a patriotic hero. If fighting was the order of the day, he was always sure to be found in the midst of it. On his return to Baltimore I shall give an extract from his journal in its proper place.

The *Lewis*, of New London (she had but four guns and forty-five men), was sent into Halifax, but previous to her capture she fell in with, and seized a most valuable English ship of eight guns, richly laden, for Quebec, which paid the privateersmen very abundantly for their losses.

EXTRACT FROM THE LOG-BOOK OF THE PRIVATEER-SCHOONER  
"SHADOW," OF PHILADELPHIA.

On the 3d of August, at half-past twelve (meridian),  
hoisted a sail; called all hands to quarters, and made  
every sail in chase. At half-past five P.M., came  
in sight of the chase, and perceived she was a British man-  
of-war. Took in the square-sail and stay-sail, and hauled  
down the wind; at the same time she tacked for us, com-  
menced a brisk fire. At eight P.M. lost sight of her.

On the 4th of August, at half-past twelve (meridian),  
hoisted a sail to the eastward standing westward; made all  
sails in chase. At half-past five P.M. carried  
down the square-sail boom; cut the wreck adrift; rigged  
up the lower studding-sail boom, and set her square-  
sail on, coming up with the chase. At six P.M., being  
within gun-shot, she commenced firing from her stern.  
At seven P.M. came up with her, and commenced  
firing; at half-past seven the ship hoisted a light in

scinded, and a change of ministry taken place in England. The note was handed to Captain Taylor. The boat was again sent on board, with a note from our Captain, demanding his papers, which were refused. At half-past eight o'clock, a brisk fire commenced on both sides, during which time, William Craft, sailmaker, was wounded. At ten P.M., dropped astern, with the intention of lying by all night within gun-shot; at intervals kept up a brisk fire; weather squally and dark.

"At daylight, ranged up under her stern and commenced a severe action, when we received a shot in our starboard bow which shattered the wooden ends, started the plank shear, and broke several timbers. At half-past seven A.M. received another in our larboard bow; struck the larboard after-gun-carriage; killed six men and wounded three. At half-past eight A.M., our commander received a ball in his left temple, which instantly terminated his existence, to the inexpressible regret of all hands. About the same time a shot struck under the larboard fore-chains, between wind and water, which caused the vessel to leak badly; found three feet water in the hold on sounding the pumps."

The *Shadow* arrived at Philadelphia, was refitted, and soon sailed on another cruise.

#### PRIZES CAPTURED BY PRIVATEERS.

Ship *Grenada*, eleven guns, thirty men, 700 tons burthen, laden with 700 hhds. of sugar, with large quantities of cotton and coffee, from Pointe-à-Pitre, Guadeloupe, for London, sent into Charleston by the *Young Eagle*, of New York.

Schooner *Shaddock*, also armed, from Antigua, for Liverpool, laden with molasses, in company with the *Grenada*, sent into New York by the *Young Eagle*. The

carried but one gun and forty-two men. She encountered the Grenada and Shaddock at the same time, and our and a-half captured them both. The Captain Shaddock was killed, and two of his men wounded; seven were wounded on board the ship; no person belonging to the privateer.

Roebuck, with a full cargo of rum, from Greer Jersey, sent into Norfolk by the Rosamond, of York. The Roebuck is a very valuable vessel, now belonging to the United States, but peaceably used under the Orders in Council.

Henry, from Gibraltar, sent into Newport, R. I., Yankee, of Bristol.

Hopewell, fourteen guns, twenty-five men, from London, for London, burthen upwards of 400 tons, with 710 hhds. of sugar, 54 hhds. of molasses, 111 cotton, 260 bags and casks of coffee and cocoa, captured by the Comet, of Baltimore, and sent into that port after an obstinate engagement, in which one man

Brig Thetis, by the Yankee of Bristol, burnt.

Brig Alfred, by the Yankee, destroyed also.

Brig Antelope, by the Dolphin of Salem, sent into that port.

Ship Kitty, by the Rossie, of Baltimore, sent into an eastern port.

Schooner Spunk, by the Fair Trader, of Salem, sent into that port.

Schooner Providence, captured by the Wiley Reynard, of Boston, and sent into an eastern port.

Ship Guayana, carrying eight guns, burthen 300 tons, from Liverpool, for New York, with salt, crates, etc., sent into Salem by the Dromo, of Boston. This was an American Ship and British property.

Barque Duke of Savoy, eight guns, twenty men, sent into Salem by the Decatur, of Newburyport. The Decatur having thrown over her guns when chased by the Constitution, rearmed herself from the prize.

Ship Pursuit, with 600 hhds. of sugar, sent into Philadelphia by the Atlas of that port.

Ship Evergreen, sent into Salem by the Dolphin.

Brig New Liverpool, four guns, from Minorca, for Quebec, with a full cargo of wine, sent into New York by the Yankee.

Ship Mary Ann, from Jamaica, for London, a very valuable vessel, carrying twelve guns and eighteen men, deeply laden with sugar, etc., sent into Charleston by the Highflyer, of Baltimore.

Sent into Baltimore the first-class British ship Henry, 400 tons burthen, coppered to the bends, mounting four twelve-pounders and six six-pounders, bound from St. Croix for London. She was captured by the privateer Comet, Captain Boyle, of Baltimore. The Henry's cargo consisted of 700 hogsheads of sugar, and thirteen



of old Madeira wine ; this vessel and cargo produced a clear profit to the captors of more than 1000.

When arrived, the English schooner Alfred, sent in by the privateer Spencer, of Philadelphia, from Bermuda for New Providence, with an assorted cargo of sugar, rum, and claret wine.

The Teazer privateer, of New York, captured an English Brig from Gibraltar, in ballast, and sent her to the Eastern port.

The English brig Resolution arrived at Portland, and was captured by the privateer Nancy, of Portsmouth, N. H.

*New York, August 4th.*—The brig Nerina, Stewart, of Newbury, for New York, arrived at New London.

The Nerina was captured by a British cruiser, and all the crew, except the Captain, taken out, and a British sloop-master and crew put on board the brig. Previous to capture, the Captain secreted all his passengers, being about fifty in the hold. After getting out

Prize-master of the *Dolphin*, in returning her \$900, together with all her personal effects, etc.

On the 1st *December*, the privateer-schooner *Jack's Favorite*, Captain Miller, of New York, was lying at the island of St. Bart's, where he had put in for water and refreshments. A few days after his arrival, his Majesty's schooner *Subtle* came into the same port, and while there threatened, in the presence of the merchants and others, "that he would follow, and take the damned Yankee privateer, if he went to hell for her." When Captain Miller was ready, he sailed out of the harbor, on a cruise among the islands; the Englishman soon followed to put his threat into execution. Immediately after leaving port, the privateer not wishing to engage a man-of-war, made sail to avoid his enemy; soon after the chase commenced a terrible squall arose, and raged with fury for a considerable time, both vessels, of course, carrying all the sail they could possibly bear during the continuance of the terrific gust. It soon, however, expended itself, and when it cleared away, behold there was nothing to be seen of the *Subtle*. She having so suddenly disappeared, Captain Miller, moved by motives of humanity, tacked ship and sailed over the same ground from which his adversary had so recently disappeared, and all that was left of the gallant *Subtle* were a few hats, caps, and hammock-cloths floating on the surface of the water. The writer of this article was personally acquainted with Captain Miller, and two of his crew. These two individuals were young men of respectability, belonging to Milford, Connecticut, and have related to me all the circumstances here narrated, and I have no doubt that their statement is true, to the spirit and the letter.

## PRIZES CAPTURED BY PRIVATEERS.

—, ten guns, with a very valuable cargo of  
ls, sent into Savannah by the privateers "United  
d," and "Divided we Fall."

port ship Lord Keith, four guns, from Lisbon for  
sent into Newport by the Mars.

port ship Canada, twelve guns, one hundred sol-  
d forty-two horses, captured by the Paul Jones,  
somed for £3,000 sterling, after disarming the

John and Isabella, of Berwick-on-Tweed, cap-  
the same, and given up to discharge her pris-

arge ship Neptune, of 690 tons, sent into New  
by the Saratoga. This is probably one of the  
uable ships taken during the war.

—, of twelve guns, with an assorted cargo,  
Michaels, sent into New London by the Dolphin.

## GALLANT EXPLOITS.

*Extract of a Letter from Captain Le Chantier, of the Privateer Hazard to a Gentleman in Charleston, from St. Mary's, Georgia.*—"I have just arrived here with my prize, the ship Albion, which I captured on the 1st of February, longitude 64° West, latitude 16° North. On the 23d of February, being on Savannah bar, having lost sight of her in a fog, she was retaken by a privateer from New Providence, mounting eight pieces of cannon, after which we fell in with her again, the privateer in company, which we engaged, and after an action of seven hours and a-half, the privateer struck, and we re-took the ship. If we had had half an hour more of daylight, I should have brought in the privateer; but fearing to lose my prize, I was forced to abandon her. My lieutenant and carpenter were wounded dangerously, and five seamen slightly. It is surprising we had so few wounded, considering how severely our vessel was crippled by the grape shot of the enemy. Our force was twenty-eight fighting men, while that of the enemy, including both vessels, the prize and the privateer, was twenty guns and sixty men. I hope the privateer Caledonia will long remember the little Hazard.

"Among the naval exploits of the present war, there is none which reflects more credit on American gallantry than the battle of the privateer-brig Montgomery, Captain Upton, of Boston, with a large British brig off Surinam, on the 6th of December. This vessel, along side of which the Montgomery lay for half an hour, was no less than his Majesty's brig Surinam, carrying eighteen thirty-two pound carronades and two long-nines, while the Montgomery had only twelve guns, ten sixes and two eighteen-pound carronades. Notwithstanding

parity of force, the Surinam had received such  
that she was evidently glad to get off, and instead  
g direct to the common rendezvous at Barbadoes,  
put into an out-port to refit, having had her  
t badly wounded. What further damage she  
ed we have not heard."

"Britannia needs no bulwark,  
No towers along the steep;  
Her march is o'er the mountain waves,  
Her home is on the deep."

ACTION FOUGHT BETWEEN THE PRIVATEER-SCHOONER  
GA, CHARLES W. WOOSTER, COMMANDER, AND THE BRIT-  
TER-OF-MARQUE BRIG RACHEL, OFF LAGUIRA, ON THE 13TH  
EMBER, 1812.

the 9th December, the private armed schooner  
a, commanded by Charles W. Wooster, made  
earance off this place, (Laguira.) The same day  
Lieutenant came on shore. He said they were  
four days from New York, and had seen nothing.

brig was well armed and manned, and it was generally believed she would take the *Saratoga*, or at all events beat her off. All the inhabitants, from the commandant to the beggar, left their business to see the engagement.

The brig being so far from the schooner, it was some time before she came up with her. Both vessels were so far off, we could but just discern them from the house-tops, and just as we had given up all hopes of seeing the battle, we discovered they both tacked in-shore again. They continued standing in until within two leagues of the town, when the *Saratoga* commenced the action from her starboard bow-guns, which was returned from the brig's larboard quarter. The action now became furious, so that both vessels were hid from us in columns of fire and smoke. In a few minutes, however, the firing ceased.

When the smoke cleared off, we could see no colors flying except the American on board the *Saratoga*, which was victorious. (May it always remain so.)

On the 13th the second mate and twenty-five seamen arrived at Laguaira in the brig's long-boat, which Captain Wooster had given them, together with every article belonging to them. The second mate was the only officer that was alive after the action, there being great slaughter on board the brig. On board the *Saratoga* they had but one man slightly wounded. The brig was the *Rachel*, from Greenock, mounting twelve long-nine-pounders, and carrying sixty men. She had on board a cargo of dry-goods, etc., invoiced at £15,000, sterling.

### CHAPTER III.

BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES FRIGATE UNITED STATES AND THE BRITISH FRIGATE  
AN—REMARKS ON ADMIRAL WARREN'S BLOCKADING THE AMERICAN PORTS—  
SHIP JOHN CAPTURED BY THE COMET—A VALUABLE BRITISH SHIP SENT INTO PORT—  
THE DECATUR—EXTRACT FROM THE LOG-BOOK OF THE ATLAS, CAPTAIN MAY—  
HIS ACCOUNT OF AN ACTION WITH TWO BRITISH SHIPS, WHICH HE CAPTURES  
IN APRIL AND AUGUST, 1812, TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX AMERICAN MES-  
SELS ARRIVE AT NEW YORK—ON THE 18TH OF JUNE, THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF NEW YORK PRESENT CAPTAIN ISAAC HULL WITH THE FREEDOM OF THEIR  
CITY—GOLD BOX—COMMODORE HARNEY RETURNS TO BALTIMORE, ON THE 10TH OF  
JULY, FROM A SECOND SUCCESSFUL CRUISE—EXTRACT FROM HIS LOG-BOOK ON  
HIS CRUISE—A GALLANT, BUT UNSUCCESSFUL CONFLICT BETWEEN THE PRIVATEER  
AND AN ENGLISH SHIP, OFF MARTINIQUE—A MEMORIAL FROM THE MERCHANTS  
OF BALTIMORE TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES—BRITISH SHIP JOHN HAMILTON  
CAPTURED BY THE DOLPHIN PRIVATEER—A BRITISH SHIP OF 22 GUNS  
SHORE NEAR DEMARARA, BY THE GENERAL ARMSTRONG—BRITISH SHIP QUEEN,  
AND 40 MEN, CAPTURED BY THE GENERAL ARMSTRONG, ETC.

CONFLICT BETWEEN THE FRIGATE UNITED STATES AND THE  
BRITISH FRIGATE MACDONALD

proach within good fighting distance, Commodore Decatur was obliged to hug the wind, in order to bring the enemy within the range of his guns.

At length, drawing up under his lee, he ordered a broadside to be given to the foe, but observing that most of the shot fell short of the enemy, he reserved his fire, keeping his luff so that he was soon enabled to get near enough to have his main-deck guns take effect. Although at too great a distance to reach his opponent with his carronades and musketry, a heavy cannonade with their long-guns was kept up for the space of half an hour, by both parties. It was then apparent that the American frigate was hulling and cutting her antagonist to pieces, while she herself received but little injury, as the greatest portion of the shot from the English ship passed over her, and through her upper sails.

As a matter of course, the English frigate gradually drifted to leeward, while the American kept her luff. They naturally neared each other, and as the American frigate had ranged far enough ahead to gain a favorable position, she tacked and passed under the lee of the enemy.

The mizzen-mast of the English ship having been previously shot, at this moment fell overboard, taking with it the fore and main top-masts, while the main-yard was hanging in the slings in two pieces. There were no colors flying, for there was nothing left to set them upon.

In this situation, the disabled ship could do no more, and any further resistance would have been a useless sacrifice of human life. As a matter of course, the firing ceased on both sides.

When the United States came up under the lee of



abled ship, demanding her name, and whether she rendered, her answer was that it was the Macedonian, of thirty-eight guns, Captain Carden, and she had struck.

On taking possession of the Macedonian, she was rightfully cut to pieces, having received about a hundred round shot in her hull. Her rigging and she was rent in tatters. Of a crew of three hundred thirty-six were killed and sixty-eight wounded, making together one hundred and four put *hors de combat*. A fearful destruction of human life in the short space of an hour and a half.

The Macedonian was a fine ship of her class; rated as a frigate, but carrying forty-nine guns: eighteens on the upper-deck, and thirty-two pound carronades on her lower-deck. She was only four years old, and had not been at sea.

It is but fair to acknowledge that the United States ship was a larger ship than her opponent. She also carried

can barque, and proceeded on her passage to "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

#### REMARKS ON THE BATTLE.

I am aware that it is much easier to criticize than to fight, still, as a seaman, I think Captain Carden made a mistake in keeping at so great a distance, and, as it were, lying like a target to be cut to pieces.

Had he bore down close to his enemy, he could at least have done him a great deal of damage, and no one knows but some lucky shot might have disabled his opponent in her rudder or some other vital part.

As he was to windward during the whole fight, he had the advantage of choosing his own distance, and could but have been beaten at last.

I am happy to add, however, that it is agreed on all hands, both by friends and foes, that Captain Carden was a brave, humane, honorable man, with the polished manners of gentleman.

The writer of these pages was in New York at the time of the arrival of the *Macedonian* at the Navy Yard in Brooklyn, and immediately repaired on board the captured ship.

She was, of course, somewhat battered in her hull and spars, but still a fine fast-sailing frigate, and was soon repaired and fitted to cruise under the stars and stripes, against those who had until this war been in the habit of treating our flag with contempt and derision. I will here observe that every American was rejoiced at the capture of another British frigate ; still there was no disposition to triumph over an unfortunate foe. Captain Carden had never been bullying and blustering on our coast, and carrying fire and destruction in his path against defenceless plantations and fishing towns, like the

ous Cockburn, and several other ruffians of the stamp of character. On the contrary, Captain was looked upon as a gentleman, and every able man felt a sympathy for his misfortunes. It appear somewhat surprising to the present generation to learn how soon the public and private character of all the British officers that commanded on our coast that period was known to the public at large. Some of them were respected and esteemed even by their enemies, for their kind and humane acts of generosity, while others were despised and hated for their coarse conduct. As the most of those who figured in the war with us have gone to their rest, I deem it unwise to say any more of them, as it can do no good, and may only injure the feelings of their children and grandchildren.

Notwithstanding the reiterated proclamations by Admiral Warren (Commander-in-chief of his Majesty's forces on the coast of North America), declaring

of the world ; in defiance of their eight hundred ships of war.

Before hostilities commenced, their oft-repeated boast was, that in six months after war should exist between the two nations, not a single American flag would be seen on the ocean. And such was their inflated vanity, that they counted on very little resistance, either from our navy or private armed vessels. What then must have been their disappointment when single ships met ? and when, with their numerous ships of war, and cruising vessels, they were unable to keep a handful of frigates, in combination with our privateers and private armed vessels, from perpetually harassing their shipping, even at the mouths of their own ports in the British and Irish channels. No one acquainted with the English character can justly accuse them of timidity, or want of courage. On the contrary, they are a daring, brave people, but sadly deficient in good manners, and civility in their intercourse with other nations. This is certainly a grave charge, but it is nevertheless true.

#### PRIZES CAPTURED BY PRIVATEERS.

Ship Marianna, from St. Croix for London, six hundred tons, laden with sugars, etc., found deserted at sea, by the Governor McKean, of Philadelphia, and towed into Norfolk.

Brig —, laden with salt, sent into Portland by the Teazer privateer.

Brig —, captured by a whale-boat privateer, and brought into Portland. After the capture, the boat was hoisted on the deck of the prize, and carried into port.

Brig Isabella, two hundred and five tons; one year old,

with crockery ware, iron, etc., sent into Portland Teazer.

——, laden with timber, bound for England, to Marblehead by the Decatur privateer.

Diana from London, sent into Portland by the Dart. The vessels captured by the Dolphin of Baltimore, returned.

John, fourteen guns, thirty-five men, four hundred tons burthen, from Demarara for Liverpool, laden with 2 bales of cotton, 230 hogsheads of sugar, 100 tons of rum, 50 casks and 300 bags of coffee, with a quantity of old copper and dye-wood, worth at 150,000, sent into Baltimore by the Comet, of Portland.

Commerce, fourteen guns, long-nines, —— men, four hundred to five hundred tons burthen, from Demarara for London, very richly laden with sugar, rum, coffee—a very valuable prize—sent into Portland by the Decatur, of Newburyport. The captain and

of the crew were killed by the first broadside.

Brig Orient, from Quebec for England, laden with timber, sent into Portland by the Teazer, privateer.

EXTRACT FROM THE LOG-BOOK OF THE SCHOONER ATLAS, CAPTAIN  
DAVID MAFFET.

*August 3d*, in latitude  $37^{\circ} 30'$ , North, longitude  $46^{\circ}$  West, at half-past eight A.M., made two sail to the westward, standing to the Northeast; tacked to the southward; at half-past nine tacked to the northward; at ten A.M. beat to quarters and cleared for action.

At half-past ten, bore away for both ships, and hoisted the American ensign and pendant; at three-quarters past ten the smallest ship fired a shot at us, both ships at this time having English colors flying.

At eleven A.M., the action commenced by a broadside and musketry from the Atlas, which continued (engaging both ships at the same time) until noon, when the small ship struck her colors. We then directed the whole of our fire against the large ship, but to our utmost surprise, the small ship again opened her fire on us, although her colors were still down. We again commenced firing on her, and in a few minutes drove every man off her decks. At twenty minutes past meridian the large ship struck, and we immediately took possession of them both; one proved to be the ship Pursuit, Captain Chivers, of London, of 450 tons, sixteen guns, eight and nine pounders, with a complement of thirty-five men; the other, the ship Planter, Captain Frith, of Bristol, of 280 tons, twelve guns, twelve pounders, and fifteen men; both with valuable cargoes of sugar, coffee, cotton and cocoa, thirty days out from Surinam, bound to London. We took out the prisoners, put a prize-master, mate and crew on board of each of them, and steered to the southward in company. During the action we had two men

and five wounded. Every one of the shrouds on board side were shot away, some of them in two places ; the running rigging and sails very much in consequence of the disabled condition of our ship, and the fore-yard being gone, Captain Maffet declined on convoying the prizes to the first port in the United States to refit ; kept in company with the ship until Wednesday, the 2d of September, when at about four A.M., we made a large ship to the eastward, and ran to the southward ; at half-past five she tacked, and gave chase for us. We bore down, and spoke the ship, and ordered the prize-master to tack to the northward, and make the first port he could. At six o'clock the Planter, and informed him that the ship in chase was probably an enemy, and ordered him to make the northward. At ten the Pursuit was out of sight to the southward. At eleven backed the main top-sail, and the strange sail coming up fast with the Planter, the Pursuit tacked to the southward. At half-past one the Pursuit fired five guns at the Planter, which

sea, namely, Captain Bulkely, an old revolutionary cruiser, equipped a privateer, to carry twenty guns, at New London, Connecticut. There were also at New York, getting ready for a cruise, ship Volunteer, of twenty-two guns ; Chinese, eighteen guns ; the schooner Isaac Hull, seventeen guns ; and the schooner Swallow, of six guns.

The James Madison, privateer, had been recently captured by the English frigate Jason.

#### PRIZES CAPTURED BY PRIVATEERS.

The privateer Paul Jones, was said to have captured lately, some twelve or fifteen British vessels near the Island of Porto Rico, some of them of considerable value.

It is also stated in a New York newspaper of this date, that from the 6th of April to the 22d of August, 266 merchant vessels had arrived safe into that port, viz., 142 ships, 84 brigs, and 40 schooners. Fortunately, these vessels have escaped from the fangs of the enemy, while their own merchantmen are bleeding at every pore.

The Common Council of the city of New York, on the 18th of June, presented to Captain Isaac Hull, the freedom of their city in a gold box.

*Boston, October 13th.*—"Privateer-schooner Fame, Captain Green, from a cruise of fifteen days, returned on Saturday evening last, has taken two schooners, one loaded with salmon, oil, etc., (considered valuable), the other a new vessel, ballasted with sugar ; parted with them to the westward of Halifax. It is worthy of remark, that the Fame was privateering in the Revolutionary war."



prisoner Jenny, laden with gum, sugar, etc., sent to Portland by the Teazer.

prisoner Adela, from Martinique, under Spanish colors, laden with sugars, sent into New York by the Teazer, of that port.

prisoner Point-Shares, from St. Johns, New Brunswick, laden with furs, captured by the letter-of-marque schooner Teazer, of Baltimore, on her voyage to France, and sent to port. The brig was laden with fish.

prisoner San Antonio, (under Spanish colors) from Guernsey, captured on the coast of Africa by the schooner Teazer, of New York. This vessel was richly laden, and supposed to be British property. She arrived at Philadelphia.

prisoner Single-Cap, sent into the Mississippi by the schooner Teazer, of Philadelphia.

prisoner Fame, from Trinidad for Cayenne, laden with goods, oil, etc., sent into Savannah by the schooner Teazer, of Baltimore.

crates, salt and coal ; a valuable vessel, sent into Salem by the John, of that port.

Schooner Four Brothers, from the West Indies for Newfoundland, sent into Salem by the Fame, privateer.

Schooner Four Sons, from the Bay of Chaleur, laden with fish and furs, sent into Salem by the Fame, of that port.

Two schooners sent into Portland by the Dart, privateer, one in ballast, the other with live stock.

Schooner Antelope, of Curracoa, sent into Charleston by the Rosamond.

Schooner Dawson, captured off the Island of Jamaica, laden with sugar, rum, and coffee; sent into Savannah by the Wasp of Baltimore.

Many American vessels, with goods from England, have been sent into port by our privateers, on suspicion of having British property on board. These have not been noticed in our list, but it appears the facts were, in many instances, as they were supposed, and when proper proofs were furnished, condemnations to a great amount took place. It is positively stated, that one of the Yankee's prizes of this description, afforded the captors the enormous sum of \$200,000.

*Fair Haven, Mass., October 23d.*—"The beautiful new privateer Governor Gerry, of 250 tons, pierced for 18 guns, was launched from the ship yard in this village, on Wednesday last. She is a most beautiful vessel, built of the best materials, and good judges are of opinion that she will be a remarkably swift sailer. The keel of this vessel was laid only forty-eight days previous to the launch."

A specimen of English vanity—

"The winds and seas are Britain's wide domain,  
And not a sail but by permission spreads."

*British Naval Register.*

Gallant Commodore Barney has recently returned to Baltimore, in his privateer-schooner *Rossie*, on the 12th of November, from a second successful cruise, and the audacity to traverse over a pretty large tract of ocean water, without asking permission of his Majesty.

With extract from the journal of the brave Commodore, the substance of his late cruise. It proceeds as follows:—

12th.—Sailed from Baltimore.

15th.—Left Cape Henry.

17th.—Spoke ship *Electra*, of Philadelphia; in the line of the war.

21st.—Spoke brig *Triton*, of Portsmouth; informed of the war.

*August 3d.*—Took and sunk the brig Henry and schooner Race Horse ; burned the schooner Halifax, manned the brig William (arrived), and gave the schooner two Brothers forty prisoners, and sent them to St. John's on parole.

*August 9th.*—Took the ship Jenny, after a short action, she mounting twelve guns ; sent her to the United States (arrived).

*August 10th.*—Seized the brig Rebecca, of Saco, from London, for a breach of the non-importation law (arrived).

*August 14th.*—Spoke brig Hazard, from Cadiz ; informed her of the war.

*August 17th.*—Spoke brig Favorite, from Cadiz to Boston.

*August 20th.*—Spoke brig John Adams, who had been captured and plundered by the Guerriere, and let go.

*August 28th.*—Seized the ship Euphrates, of New Bedford, for breach of the non-importation law (arrived).

*August 29th.*—Spoke a brig, prize to the Benjamin Franklin ; spoke ship Jewell, of Portland ; informed her of the war.

*August 30th.*—Spoke schooner Ann and Mary, of New London ; informed her of the war.

*September 7th.*—Spoke a brig from Providence, R. I., in distress ; left her under the care of the Revenue Cutter ; of Newport.

*September 9th.*—Chased by three ships of war, which did not continue long, for we outsailed them without difficulty.

*September 10th.*—Spoke ship Joseph, from Bonavista ; informed her of the war.

*September 11th.*—Spoke a brig, prize to the schooner Saratoga, of New York.

*September 12th.*—Chased by a frigate six hours; out-  
er.

On the 16th September, Commodore Barney, in the  
sloop-of-war *Rossie*, fell in with his *Britannic* Ma-  
jesty's packet-ship *Princess Amelia*, when a severe ac-  
tion commenced between the two vessels at close quar-  
ters. It lasted nearly an hour, and during the greatest  
part of the time within pistol shot distance. Captain  
Barney's first lieutenant, Mr. Long, was severely  
wounded, six of his crew were also wounded in the con-  
flict, not severely, as the most of them soon after  
recovered. The *Rossie* suffered considerably in her rig-  
ging and sails, but nothing in her hull.

The loss of the *Princess Amelia* was, her Captain,  
the master, and one man killed; the master's mate  
and seven seamen wounded. The packet was terribly cut  
up in her hull, sails and rigging.

*September 16th.*—Fell in with three ships and an  
brig; exchanged shot with the Commodore, re-

Rapid, of Charleston, S. C., fifty-two days out; had taken nothing.

*October 22d.*—Seized the ship Merrimack for a breach of the non-importation act. The result is, 3,698 tons of shipping, valued at upwards of \$1,500,000, and 217 prisoners.

Brig Diamond, 220 tons, twelve guns, with a full cargo of cotton and logwood, and \$2,500 in gold; sent into Salem by the Alfred, privateer.

Brig George, 270 tons, laden with sugar and cotton, sent into the same port by the Alfred, both of these vessels were from Brazil, and were valued at \$120,000.

Brig Neptune, a prize to the John, of Salem, arrived at that port.

Ship Jane, of Port Glasgow, a prize to the John, also arrived at Salem.

A schooner laden with timber, taken by the Saucy Jack, of Charleston, and given up to release the prisoners she had taken.

Sloop Louisa Ann, laden with molasses, seized and captured by a boat from the Benjamin Franklin privateer, with seven men, in Trinity Harbor, Martinique, under the guns of a battery of twelve eighteen pounders.

#### A GALLANT BUT UNPROFITABLE CONFLICT.

Captain Lively, of the privateer Nonsuch, of Baltimore, had a severe engagement with an English ship and schooner, off Martinique, on the 28th of September. The following is an extract of the action from the log-book of the Nonsuch:

“The Nonsuch privateer, of Baltimore, Captain Lively, carrying twelve twelve-pound carronades, and (at that time) between eighty and ninety men, on the 28th

ember, fell in with a ship and schooner under colors, the ship carrying sixteen eighteen-pound bodes and two hundred men, including soldiers; the schooner six four-pounders and sixty men. Within reach of the ship, she gave us a broadside. We ran down upon her and hoisted American colors, returned ten broadsides, accompanied each time by a heavy volley of musketry, the ship and schooner opening up a heavy fire upon us with their great guns and musketry. The engagement lasted three hours and ten minutes, when the bolts and breachings of our masts fore and aft, were carried away both sides. We then only use our musketry, or we should certainly have captured them both. We dismounted several of the ship's guns, and damaged her very much in her rigging. From the confusion which appeared on board, we judge that we must have killed and wounded a considerable number of men; she bore away to the tinico; we being much crippled in our sails and

ship arrived at Barbadoes, and that she had seven of her crew killed and sixteen wounded. Among the former were some persons of distinction."

PRIZES CAPTURED BY PRIVATEERS.

Sloop Venus, of Jamaica, burnt by the Two Brothers, of New Orleans.

Brigs Jane and Charlotte, laden with salt, coals, crates, and a few bales of dry-goods, sent into Salem by the America, privateer.

Brig Francis, from St. John's, Porto-Rico, for Martinique, laden with bullocks, sent into Charleston by the Nonsuch, of Baltimore.

Brig Porgie, from Antigua, laden with rum and molasses, sent into Norfolk by the Highflyer, on her second cruise.

Ship Ned, of Glasgow, ten guns, nine-pounders, sixteen men, laden with timber, sent into Salem by the John and George privateer of that place, after a smart action. The John and George carries one twelve and two three-pounders. She had on board thirty-eight men, including officers.

Schooner ———, captured in the Bay of Fundy, laden with oil, seal skins, etc., sent into Salem by the Fame, of that port.

The following memorial to Congress will evince the state of public sentiment in favor of privateering, at this period of the war.

*To the Honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled.*

The memorial of the subscribers, owners of and agents for 24 private armed vessels, fitted out of the port of New York, and other citizens of the city of New York,



fully sheweth : That your memorialists, convinced  
the successful issue of the present war against  
Britain materially depends upon the effectual an-  
nihilation of the enemy, have, many of them, engaged in  
the equipment of private armed vessels. The extent to  
which such enterprises may be carried, to the injury of  
the enemy, is incalculable ; for no bounds can be prescribed  
to the hardihood and daring of American seamen. The  
advantages of this cheap and effectual mode of  
war, peculiarly entitle it, in the opinion of your me-  
morialists, to the serious regard and fostering care of  
the government ; the effect of promoting or discouraging it, will  
be felt not only by those immediately concerned, but  
throughout every department and member of the war.  
The bold and successful efforts of our private armed  
vessels, we may attribute, in a great degree, a growing  
confidence in every class of citizens, in our ability to  
sustain, at least on equal terms, with the self-styled mis-  
sionaries of the ocean. The examples of heroism in our

even at this early period, and under the most favorable circumstances, net profits utterly inadequate to the risk and danger of such enterprises, and in some instances is attended with an absolute loss to the captors. The cases in which profit is obtained must daily lessen as adventures increase, until all hope of advantage being precluded, a stop will effectually be put to further attempts.

Your memorialists believe, that as a means of revenue, it will eventually prove its own destruction, for though large sums may at present be obtained from it, by diminishing the expectation of profit, it will soon, not only prevent the increase of private armed vessels, but drive them from the ocean as a hopeless speculation or certain loss. A reduction of the duties by encouraging additional adventurers, would soon more than indemnify the treasury for any temporary loss it might sustain, in the increased number of subjects of duty which it would produce.

In addition to the burden of the high duties above complained of, these enterprises are subject to other grievances, which we respectfully hope will meet a speedy and complete redress.

By the 4th section of the act concerning letters-of-marque, prizes, and prize-goods, it is provided "That all captures and prizes of vessels and property shall be forfeited, and shall accrue to the owners, officers and crews of the vessels by whom such captures and prizes shall be made, and on due condemnation had, shall be distributed according to any agreement which shall be written between them, and if there be no such agreement, then one moiety to the owners, the other to the officers and crew, as nearly as may be, according to the rules prescribed for the distribution of prize-money, by

entitled 'An act for the better government of the Navy of the United States.' To this section no other objection can, in the opinion of your memorialists, possibly be given, than that the capture, when ascertained to be a lawful prize, is to be at the disposal of the captors, to be by them distributed according to the provisions of the law.

The object of the interference of the Court of Admiralty is simply to inquire into the character of the capture, which, if enemy's property when captured, "acquired" and "is forfeited" by the taking to the captors, the property therein is affirmed, not acquired, by the condemnation. This property is, in the opinion of your memorialists, the undoubted right of the owner, freed from all moral and political rules of law and equity, to dispose of as he deems proper; a right not to be divested but by delinquency or crime. In the decision of New York, of which your memorialists are inhabitants, the Court of Admiralty has decided, that prizes

pose of it at such times and places, on such terms of credit, and in such quantities as are accommodated to the demand.

By this proceeding, not only are the captors deprived of the common right of managing their own concerns in their own way, but when their property is sacrificed at any price, the proceeds are loaded with commissions of officers for making that very sacrifice. Of these commissions the marshal receives one and a-quarter per cent. on the gross amount of sales, which includes the duty and the humane fund, established for the support of disabled seamen and their families, and constitutes tax upon tax. This gross amount, so stripped of one and a-quarter per cent., then passes into the hands of the clerk, where it again suffers a diminution of one and a-quarter per cent. for receiving and paying over. After these deductions, the payment of the duties, the costs of condemnation, together with the extra ministerial and indispensable charges of the two per cent. invalid fund, agency, wharfage, etc., the owners, officers, and crew are presented with a lean account of profit, if not of absolute loss, chilling to the hopes and unnerving the arm of private enterprise. Your memorialists trust that it is unnecessary to enlarge on the utter impossibility of aiding the country by a continuance of services burdened with such grievous impositions. To Congress they confidently look for legal provisions, that may secure to owners of private armed vessels an adequate return for their expense and risk, to the brave officers and crew the reward of their gallant services, and to their widows and orphans the humane fund, established by law, unimpaired by official exactions. Your memorialists would suggest the expediency of shortening the time for effecting the condemnation of prizes, and of limiting the ordinary fees

cers of the prize court to a certain sum, as was  
ly done in this country, when a colony of Great  
n.

ur memorialists, while they direct the attention of  
ess to the foregoing evils, would respectfully fur-  
uggest the propriety and importance of granting  
owners, officers and crews of private armed ves-  
bounty for the destruction of enemy's property.  
often be expedient to destroy vessels and goods  
ed to prevent almost certain recapture. Thus,  
it promotes the object of the war in distressing  
nemy, produces no benefit to the captors. A  
y, proportioned to the tonnage of the vessels de-  
d would prompt to much activity and vigilance,  
asure the loss of much valuable property to the  
, in situations whence it could not safely be car-  
to port, or not without the deduction of a force  
ng the captors for other operations of equal or  
r importance.

our citizens, will soon cover the ocean with an active, hostile armament, which no vigilance can elude, and from which no force, however great, can effectually protect.

(Signed)

THOMAS FARMER,  
THOMAS JENKINS.

*New York*, Nov. 20th, 1812.

The above memorial was signed by a large number of the most respectable merchants belonging to New York.

PRIZES CAPTURED BY PRIVATEERS.

Schooner Robin, sent into Portland by the *Revenge*, of Salem.

Schooner Sally, of Curacoa, sent into Charleston by the *Black Joke*, of New York, and George Washington, of Norfolk.

Sloop —, belonging to Tortola, sent into Charleston by the *Saucy Jack*.

Brig John, ten guns, twelve-pounders, from Lagaira for Gibraltar; a new and valuable vessel, laden with coffee and cocoa, sent into Charleston by the *Benjamin Franklin*, of New York.

Schooner Three Sisters, 120 tons burthen, laden with plaster, sent into Salem by the *Fame*, privateer. The *Fame* is only thirty tons burthen.

Schooner Comet, two guns and small arms, captured on the south side of St. Domingo, sent into Savannah by the *Rapid*, of Charleston. She was laden with sugar, beeswax, tobacco, and dry-goods.

Schooner Searcher, a New Providence privateer, of one gun and twenty men, captured by the *Rapid*, and burnt.

Schooner Mary, of St. Thomas, captured by the *Rapid*

ransomed, not having men to spare to send her

g Union, from Guernsey for Granada, in ballast,  
to Old Town by the General Armstrong, priva-  
of New York. The Union carried six guns.

poner Neptune, with a cargo of fish, salt, and oil,  
by the Revenge, of Salem, and sent into Cape

que Fisher, from Rio Janeiro, with a very valu-  
argo, and considerable specie, sent into Portland  
Fox, of Portsmouth.

g James Bray, with rum and pimento, arrived at  
n, a prize to the Bunker Hill.

g Lady Harriot, with a cargo of wine from Cadiz,  
to New York by the Orders in Council, a priva-  
of that place. Good!

be vessels captured by the same and ransomed.

g Freedom, 700 lhds. of salt, from Cadiz for St.  
sent into Marblehead by the Thorn, privateer.

five pounders, and thirty men, from Honduras for London, laden with 700 tons of mahogany, sent into Baltimore by the Dolphin privateer of that port, after a short action, but without loss of a single life on either side, though several were wounded. A fine prize.

Schooner Loreen, from Martinique for St. Martin's, laden with sugar and coffee, sent into Philadelphia by the Revenge, of that port.

Brig Bacchus, of Port Glasgow, in ballast, sent into Baltimore by the Revenge, privateer.

Brig Venus, from Brazil for London, ten guns, richly laden with 562 bales of cotton, fustic, etc., sent into Baltimore by the privateer Polly, of Salem.

Five British vessels sunk, burnt and destroyed, by the Patriot, of New York, during a cruise of fifty-six days. Packet Townsend, from Falmouth (England), for Barbadoes, heavily armed, captured by the Tom, of Baltimore, after a severe engagement, in which the captain of the Townsend and four of her men were killed and several wounded. The Tom was but little injured, and only two men wounded. The mail was thrown aboard, but recovered by the Bona, and brought to Baltimore a few days after.

Brig Burchall, a packet from Barbadoes for Demarara, with an English commissary and his lady on board, was captured by the High Flyer, of Baltimore, and sent into Baltimore port. The High Flyer has captured a number of galleons, (coasting vessels), plying between the islands of the West Indies ; she released one of them with the commissary and seventy-two prisoners, and sent her as a flag of truce into Demarara. The Governor (Carmichael) returned a complimentary letter to her captain for his kind treatment of them.

Brig Criterion, sent into New York.



oner —, driven ashore on the coast of Nova  
and burnt by the Revenge, of Salem.

p Nelly and Parmelia, captured by the Revenge,  
Philadelphia, was wrecked on Chincoteague Shoals ;  
and cargo saved.

oner —, from Quebec, sent into New York by  
Aliation, of that port.

—, of twenty-two guns, and full of men,  
on shore after an engagement of thirty-five min-  
the mouth of the Demarara River, by the Gen.  
ong, of New York. This privateer has returned  
after a brilliant cruise, having captured among  
three heavily armed and very valuable vessels,  
of which had been heard of when she arrived.  
o seized and gave up several small vessels.

Two Brothers, sent into New York by the Ben-  
Franklin, privateer.

Active, of ten guns, valuable, sent into Charleston,  
by the High Flyer, of Baltimore.

Ship Queen, sixteen guns and forty men, from Liverpool, with a cargo invoiced at from £70,000 to £100,000, sterling, captured by the Gen. Armstrong, of New York, but unfortunately wrecked off Nantucket. She was, perhaps, the most valuable prize yet made. This ship was bound to Surinam, and was bravely defended, the Captain, his first officer, and nine of his crew being killed before she was surrendered. The Gen. Armstrong was not much injured in the contest.

Schooner ———, laden with dry goods, etc., from Jamaica for the Spanish Main, valuable, sent into Savannah by the Liberty, of Baltimore. The prize carried two guns and had thirty men; the privateer had only one gun and forty men.

Brig Lucy and Alida, a very valuable prize to the Revenge, of Norfolk, and sent into that port. The brig was first taken by the Gen. Armstrong, of New York, retaken by the British letter-of-marque ship Brenton, of Liverpool, and then fallen in with by the Revenge, by whom she was sent into port. She has a full cargo of dry-goods.

The schooner sent into Savannah by the Liberty is said to be worth \$60,000.

Three vessels captured and destroyed by the privateer Jack's Favorite.

Schooner Swift, of Plymouth (England), from St. Michael's, taken by the Rolla, of Baltimore, and burnt. In a severe gale of wind, Captain Dewley was compelled to throw overboard all his guns but one, but the crew, sixty in number, determined to continue the cruise. Near Madeira, from the 12th to the 15th of December, without the loss of one man, the Rolla captured, manned, and ordered for the first port, the fol-

immensely valuable vessels, being a part of the  
fleet :

Mary, fourteen guns, of Bristol, laden with hard-  
crates, etc. ;

Eliza, of ten guns, of do., laden with 20,000  
of wheat ;

Rio Nouva, eighteen guns, of London, laden  
by goods ;

Apollo, ten guns, deeply laden with king's stores ;

Boroso, six guns, of Cork, laden with dry goods,  
and candles ;

Donner —, of Aberdeen, given up to discharge  
prisoners ;

and total : seven vessels, fifty-eight cannon, 150  
men, and property worth between two and three  
hundred thousand dollars.

Do the men that dare such deeds as these be stolen  
from their country ? No. "Impressment must cease."

Do Reasonable, from Porto Rico for Martinique.

Ship Hope, twelve guns, from St. Thomas for Glasgow, 400 tons burthen, with a full cargo of rum, sugar, cotton, etc., valuable, sent into Marblehead by the America, of Salem.

Ship Ralph, from Quebec for London, a very large vessel, mounting eight guns, laden with timber, etc., sent into Portland by the same.

Brig Euphemia, ten guns, from Lagaira for Gibraltar, laden with 400,000 pounds of coffee, sent into Portland by the America.

A brig and a schooner, captured by the Decatur, off Madeira, and sent to France.

Schooner Meadow, captured by the Sparrow, and released, after divesting her of a quantity of dry-goods.

Schooner Erin, from Curacoa for Jacquemel, laden with dry goods, sent into Charleston by the Eagle, of that port.

Schooner Mary, with an assorted cargo, from Porto Rico for St. Jago de Cuba, sent into Charleston by the Eagle, of that port.

Brig Peggy, of Barbadoes, from St. John's (Newfoundland), for St. Lucia, taken from under the convoy of two British sloops of war, by the Hunter, privateer, and sent into Boston.

Ship Arabella, of 500 tons, eight guns, coppered, laden with coal, plantation utensils, etc., from Bristol, (England), for the West Indies, sent into New London by the Growler privateer.

A schooner and sloop, taken on the coast of Africa, and released, after dispossessing them of 452 ounces of gold dust.

Brig —, captured by the Growler, privateer, and released after dispossessing her of many valuables.

Schooner —, captured by the Gallinipper, privateer, and ransomed.

Neptune, ten guns, from London for Rio Janeiro, with a very rich cargo of brandy, wine and dry-goods, sent into New London by the Decatur, privateer. Neptune was a large ship, coppered, and of the first class. Her cargo was 500 pipes of brandy and wine, 100 bales of dry-goods, and ten cases of watches. The Decatur had taken two other vessels and sent them to the same place.

—, from Quebec for London, laden with timber, comprising the whole frame of a ship of seventy guns, sent into Kennebeck by the America. The cargo was doubtless duly seasoned, and was just in time.

—, twenty guns, laden with mahogany and other goods, sent into New Orleans by the privateer Spy, of the same port.

—, the former Prince of Wales, captured by the Growler, released after taking out a few pipes of Madeira wine, &c.

Aurora, twelve guns, with a valuable cargo of

Brig Emu, ten guns, twenty-five men, from Portsmouth for Botany Bay, with forty-nine women-convicts, the brig was sent into New York by the Holkar, of that port. The convicts and prisoners were landed on the Island of St. Vincents (one of the Cape de Verds), with a stock of provisions sufficient to last them four months. On this Island there is no want of water.

The brig Ann, 10 guns, from Liverpool for New Providence, richly laden with dry-goods and crates, worth \$100,000, sent into Marblehead by the Growler.

The privateer Hunter, of Salem, captured an English transport carrying ten guns, laden with military stores, but unfortunately this vessel was recaptured, and sent into Halifax.

The Paul Jones privateer captured on the 15th of April, the British ship Lord Sidmouth, having on board a valuable cargo, besides \$80,000 in specie, which was removed to the privateer.

About the 1st of June the privateer Decatur, Captain Nichols, of Newburyport, was captured by the British frigate Surprise.

#### A SEVERE COMBAT.

While Captain John Murphy, in the privateer Globe, of Baltimore, was cruising off the coast of Portugal, he fell in with an Algerine sloop-of-war, when a severe engagement ensued between them. Although the action was continued for a period of three hours, at half-gun-shot distance, it is strange to relate that the Globe lost not a man, and had but two wounded. The shot of the Algerine almost invariably passed over her adversary, the Globe having received no less than eighty-two shot through her sails. How much the sloop-of-war

It was not ascertained, but from all appearances, must have been terribly hulled and cut to pieces. The *Globe* hauled off to repair damages, and the *Albatross* seemed unwilling to renew the conflict, so that the parties probably esteemed it a drawn battle, and finally separated.

## CHAPTER IV.

DESPERATE BATTLE BETWEEN THE PRIVATEER GENERAL ARMSTRONG, CAPTAIN CHAMPLIN, AND A BRITISH FRIGATE—A CRUISE IN THE PRIVATEER-BRIG YANKEE—BRIG ANN, A PRIZE TO THE SNAP-DRAGON—SEVERAL PRIZES BY THE SAUCY JACK, OF CHARLESTON—HOW PRIVATEERS MANAGE TO TAKE MERCHANT VESSELS OUT OF A FLEET—A COUP-DE-MAIN—EXPLOSION OF A PRIVATEER—PRIVATEER WASP CAPTURED, AFTER A RUNNING FIGHT OF NINE HOURS—A VALUABLE PRIZE BY THE PRIVATEER SNAP-DRAGON—BRAVE DEFENCE OF THE SCHOONER LOTTERY—A GALLANT ACTION BY THE PRIVATEER DOLPHIN, CAPTAIN STAFFORD, OFF CAPE ST. VINCENT, WITH AN ENGLISH SHIP AND A BRIG—HE CAPTURES THEM BOTH—PATRIOTISM OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE—INTERESTING CRUISE OF THE FAMOUS CAPTAIN BOYLE, ON THE COAST OF BRAZIL AND AMONG THE WEST INDIA ISLANDS.

FROM A CHARLESTON PAPER OF APRIL 5TH. .

“UNEQUALLED BRAVERY.—Arrived at this port, yesterday, the privateer-schooner Gen. Armstrong, Guy R. Champlin, Esq., commander, of New York, from a cruise. The following is an extract from her log-book :

“*March 11th*, 1813.—These twenty-four hours commence with moderate breezes and cloudy weather. At half-past 5 A.M., tacked to the southward and eastward. At 7 discovered a sail bearing S.S.E. At half-past 7 discovered her to be at anchor under the land. At 8, she got under way, half-past 8, she got sail on her, and stood to the northward ; she fired three guns at us and hoisted English colors. We were then in five fathoms water, and about five leagues to the eastward of the mouth of Surinam river. At ten minutes past 9, we fired the centre gun and hoisted American colors. At forty-five minutes after, she tacked and stood as near us as the wind would permit, keeping up a brisk fire on us from her main-deck guns. At a quarter-past 10, we



g to the northward, and having the advantage of  
biting her with our spy-glasses, were of opinion  
s a British letter-of-marque, and unanimously  
to bear down and board. At half-past 10, put  
m up, and bore down on her with intention to  
r our starboard broadside, and to wear ship, and  
r our larboard broadside, which was all ready for  
pose, and board her. This was all done with the  
on of boarding; we found she was a frigate,  
for fourteen guns on the main-deck, six on the  
-deck, and four on the forecastle; she had her star-  
acks on board. The wind being light, and keep-  
a constant fire, our vessel lay ten minutes like a  
e shot away her foretopsail tie, and her mizzen-  
yards, which brought her colors down, and her  
and main-stay. We thought she had struck, and  
iring, but we soon saw her colors flying again. We  
enced the action. She lay for a few minutes  
tly unmanageable, but soon got way on her, and

which caused our vessel to leak. There were also a number of shot in our hull. In this situation we began to make sail from her ; got the foresheet aft, and the jib and top-gallant-sail on her, and by the assistance of our sweeps, we soon got out of gunshot. During the time we were getting away from her, she kept up a well-directed fire for our foremast and foregaff, but without effect."

#### COMPLIMENT TO VALOR.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the private armed schooner Gen. Armstrong, Guy R. Champlin, Esq., commander, convened at Tammany Hall, pursuant to public notice, on Wednesday evening, 14th of April, 1813, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

" *Resolved*, That the agents be requested to transmit the thanks of this meeting to Captain G. R. Champlin, his officers, and crew, for their gallant defence in an action sustained between the Gen. Armstrong and a British frigate, off Surinam.

" *Resolved*, That the agents present Captain G. R. Champlin with a sword, at the expense of the stockholders, for his gallant conduct in the *rencontre* above mentioned.

" *Resolved* That the above resolutions be published.

" THOMAS FARMER, *Chairman*.

" THOMAS JENKINS, *Secretary*."

#### REMARKS ON THE ACTION.

The writer was intimately acquainted with Captain Guy R. Champlin for many years. He was a native of New London, Connecticut. A more worthy and brave patriot, it would be difficult to find in any country. In

ar 1806, we sailed from Leghorn to New Orleans, as chief mate, and Mr. Champlin as second mate ship Marshall, of New York.

After this period we both became ship-masters in merchant service, and continued our intimacy for more than ten years.

In a conversation with him about his action with the frigate off Surinam, he said that when the English's gaff-haul-yards were shot away, and his colors were shot, he thought, for a moment, she had struck. This mistake occurred while the privateer lay within pistol-shot of the enemy's cabin windows, and had the colors been flying, he should have poured a double dose of round and grape from his long-tom into his windows, which would have raked the frigate's fore and aft.

A person on board of the Gen. Armstrong told me, after Captain Champlin was faint with the loss of blood from his wounded arm, he was persuaded to retire

would have escaped capture under like circumstances. And although my friend has been dead many years, I am happy, even at this late day, to bear witness to the heroic bravery of this distinguished American, who was an honor to his State and country, and richly merits a national monument to perpetuate his devoted patriotism.

#### FLEET SAILING.

For the information of those unacquainted with fleet sailing, I will endeavor to sketch its practice with the English, in the years 1812, '13, and '14. It had long been their general custom when at war with other nations, to send their merchant vessels to sea in fleets, especially so when engaged in war with France, or the United States, so that when hostilities commenced between us, in this instance, their old practice was rigidly pursued.

For this purpose, large numbers of ships and vessels of every description were collected from Scotland, Ireland, and from their own ports, to some convenient *rendezvous* in the English or Irish Channels, generally at Portsmouth, Plymouth, or Cork.

To collect a large fleet in this way often occupied several months. When a considerable number were thus got together, a suitable force was appointed to convoy them to the East or West Indies, or to whatever part of the world might be their destination.

If the fleet was large and valuable, they generally sent a line-of-battle ship, commanded by an Admiral, with one or two frigates, and as many sloops-of-war or gun-brigs. If only a small fleet of merchantmen, then a smaller force was sent for its protection, say a frigate and one or two sloops-of-war.

When nearly ready for sea, a signal was made from

admiral or Flag-ship, for all the captains of merchant-vessels sailing in the fleet to repair on board, to receive written instructions how to sail under his command and also to understand the necessary signals. These instructions are familiarly called "sailing orders." After leaving port the order of sailing is as follows: The admiral or flag-ship takes the lead, and proceeds a certain distance ahead. She is called the van-ship. To make up the rear, they appoint a fast-sailing frigate, so that if necessary she may be able to tow up any dull-sailing ship, to prevent her being left astern of the fleet. On each side, or what a soldier would call "the flanks," they appoint a sloop-of-war or a gun-brig.

In this manner they sail from England, and return from their foreign ports. The first order is for no ship to go ahead of the admiral, and to watch and obey the signals made by the flag-ship. The second and most failing signal is constantly repeated, viz., for the most ships to shorten sail and for the sternmost to pull up and keep up with the fleet. From now

*qui-vive* to catch as many of them on their passage home as they possibly could.

These homeward-bound ships were generally laden with sugar, coffee, and other valuable goods, and were, of course, objects of great temptation to their adversaries; consequently they were frequently dogged and watched from the time of their leaving the harbors in the West Indies, until their arrival at their own ports at home.

Two privateers in company stood a much better chance of success than one alone; for while a man-of-war was sent in pursuit of one of them, the other was ready to pounce upon some of the merchantmen.

The prize crews should be ready at a moment's warning to be thrown on board of the prizes, and after taking possession of them they are ordered to run to leeward of the fleet, separate and steer in different directions, so as to divide the attention of the enemy; for while one of the frigates is in chase of the privateer, the enemy must retain one or more ships to protect the fleet; so that the prizes have time to make their escape.

At other times it happens that, when the captured vessel is too closely pursued by the enemy, the prize-crew are obliged to leave in their boats, and return in hot haste to the privateer.

It not unfrequently occurs that a privateer may run into the midst of a fleet, and have only time to capture one vessel, place the crew into their own boats, apply the torch, and leave it to burn in defiance of their adversaries.

Then again it may happen that, after chasing a fleet for several days, and even for weeks, if the weather is fine, no opportunity will offer to take a single ship; but should thick weather or a strong gale of wind inter-

and separate them, then the privateers have capital  
g, and have only to select the most valuable of the  
for they are in truth like sheep without a shep-  
In such cases, the privateersmen generally seize  
the specie and the most valuable goods they can  
and remove them to the privateer for fear of recap-  
and then are governed by circumstances in dispos-  
the captured vessels. If valuable, and they can  
men, they send them into port; if not, destroy them;  
encumbered with too many prisoners, they fre-  
y give up some of the prizes to them, and allow  
to return home, or proceed to the nearest land.

the commencement of a cruise, before one gets  
ed to the business, it seems harsh and cruel thus  
ress our fellow-men ; but such is war. Whether  
or land, its features are certainly rough and un-  
an-like, and to smother rising feelings of philan-  
one is obliged to call to remembrance the fact  
England had been preying upon most other nations

placed on each side. There were also several sloops-of-war in the rear, all to protect the fleet from the Danish gun-boats that constantly threatened us on all sides.

For the particulars of this passage, see 'Coggeshall's Voyages,' published in 1852.

Besides the merchant vessels that sailed to and from England in fleets at that period, under convoy of British men-of-war, [there was a class of private armed ships that relied on their own strength to defend themselves. These were called running ships, and were insured to prosecute their voyages out and home without waiting for convoy. The owners of this class of vessels, of course, paid a higher rate of premium of insurance against capture than those who sailed under the protection of ships-of-war. It therefore followed that [many of our largest privateers were fitted out almost expressly to capture this class of ships ; and it was with them that many a hard-fought battle occurred. After the first year of the war, it was found, with few exceptions, that small pilot-boat-privateers were too weak to make many captures, the enemy's vessels being too well manned and equipped to be captured by these small craft. Still there were a few of them that continued to make short cruises. These small pilot-boat-privateers were so well adapted to low latitudes, where the winds are light, and the weather fine—as is almost invariably the case along the coast of Florida, and among the West India Islands—that several of them, like the Saucy Jack, of Charleston, and a few others of like character from Baltimore, continued to annoy the British coasting trade among the Islands, and occasionally to capture a straggling ship in the Gulf Stream which had separated from her convoy ; and thus did these mischievous little



continue to harass and vex the enemy, until the war was ratified by both nations.

## PRIZES CAPTURED BY PRIVATEERS.

The privateer *Yankee* arrived at Newport, R. I., after a voyage of about 150 days, during which time she had sailed the whole western coast of Africa, taken eight prizes, sixty-two guns, 196 men, 496 muskets, and property worth \$296,000. The *Yankee* had on board two bales of fine goods, six tons of ivory, and \$100,000 worth of gold dust. She looked in at every river, town, factory, harbor, etc., on the coast ; and visited at several Portuguese Islands for water and supplies.

The following is a list of her prizes :—

1. *Mary Ann*, Sutherland, of London, coppered, six guns, eleven men ; having on board gold dust, ivory, and camwood, worth \$28,000 ; took out the cargo and burnt the vessel.

2. *Booner Alder*, Crowley, of Liverpool, coppered, six

Cork for Pernambuco, eight guns, fourteen men ; with fine cloths, linens, iron, salt, porter, etc. ; worth \$41,000.

Brig Shannon, Kendall, from Maranham for Liverpool, ten guns, fifteen men ; worth \$50,000.

Andalusia, Kenall, ten guns, 100 men, (eighty-one free blacks) ; vessel and cargo worth \$34,000 ; arrived at Savannah.

Schooner George, cut out of Tradestown ; cargo, rice, part taken out, and vessel given up to the prisoners ; worth \$2,500.

Three vessels captured on the Spanish Main by the Snap-Dragon, of Newbern, N. C. ; divested of their valuables, and burnt.

Three vessels taken by the same ; valuable articles removed, and all given up to release the prisoners.

Sloop — ; a fine copper-bottomed vessel ; taken by the Snap-Dragon, and fitted out as a tender and store-ship.

Two vessels captured by the privateer Divided We Fall, and ransomed.

One vessel taken by the same privateer, and sunk.

Three vessels taken by the Divided We Fall, and given up.

The above prizes, we présume, were West India trading vessels, commonly called "drogers." What may be called the coasting trade of the West Indies, was a very valuable branch of the British commerce, and appears to have been severely handled.

PORT OF NEW YORK, *April 24th*.—Arrived, letter-of-marque schooner Ned, Captain Dawson, of Baltimore, forty-two days from La Teste (through Long Island Sound). In lat. 44° 54' N. long. 15° W., fell in with the English letter-of-marque brig Malvina, of Aberdeen, mount-

0 guns—six and nine pounders—and after a close of fifty-two minutes, succeeded in capturing her. The captain of the Malvina was killed. The Ned had men badly wounded. The Malvina was from the Mediterranean for London, laden with wine. Put Capt. Henderson, as prize-master, and a crew on board of and ordered her into an American port.

On the 18th inst., the Ned was chased off the Chesapeake by a seventy-four and a frigate; on the 19th was chased off the Delaware; on the 20th was chased off Sandy Hook; and on the 21st got in at the east end of Long Island, through four or five ships-of-war. She arrived at New London for a Sound pilot.

The Tartar, with 160 hhds. of rum, sent into Georgetown, S. C., by the Gen. Armstrong, privateer. The Tartar being chased by a British government brig, was wrecked on the bar; people and cargo saved.

The schooner Fox, a British tender of three guns, commanded by the first lieutenant of a seventy-four, cap-

Waldoboro by a sloop fitted out at that place, and manned by volunteers.

Ship —, sent into Brest (France), by the privateer True-blooded Yankee, said to be worth from \$400,000 to \$500,000. This privateer had taken five other valuable prizes. One loaded with dry-goods and Irish linens had been ordered for the United States.

Brig Charlotte, —, with a cargo of dyewood, etc., captured off the English Channel by the Montgomery, of Salem, and sent into that port.

Privater schooner Richard, — guns, captured by the Holkar, of New York, and sent into Savannah.

Privateer sloop Dorcas, taken by the same ; armament, etc. destroyed, and given up to exchange the prisoners.

Brig Edward, eight guns, from Brazil for London, laden with 180 bales of cotton, etc. ; a valuable prize, sent into Salem by the Alexander, of that port. The Alexander had also captured a brig of sixteen guns, laden with dry-goods, gunpowder, etc.

Schooner —, taken by the Alexander ; her valuable articles taken on board the privateer, and then given up to the prisoners.

Brig Mars, from Jamaica for Halifax, laden with rum ; sent into Portsmouth, N. H., by the Fox, privateer.

Ship Nancy, — guns, sent into Bristol, R. I., by the Yorktown, of New York.

Schooner Delight, from Bermuda for Halifax, laden with wine and silks ; sent into Machias by the privateer-boat Fame, of Salem.

King's packet Mary Ann, twelve guns, from Malta, having touched at Gibraltar, for England, captured after an obstinate battle by the Gov. Tompkins, of New York, and sent into Boston. \$60,000 in gold and bullion, and

ail, were among the spoils of the conquerors. The  
er had no person hurt. One man was killed and  
wounded on board the packet.

Dromo, 12 guns, from Liverpool for Halifax,  
cargo invoiced at \$70,000, sterling, sent into  
set by the Thomas, of Portsmouth.

—, sent into Boothbay by the same, with a  
valuable cargo. It is said these two vessels pro-  
the captors more than \$500,000.

corvette ship Invincible Napoleon, 16 guns, sent  
ortland by the Young Teazer, of New York.

ket Ann, of 10 guns, a valuable prize, sent into  
nd by the Young Teazer.

poner Greyhound, laden with fish and oil, sent into  
nd by the same.

—, sent into Portsmouth by the Governor  
r, privateer of that port.

ish packet Express, captured off the coast of Bra-  
the Anaconda, of New York, divested of her  
\$80,000 and given up to discharge the pri-

by the *Liberty*, and divested of her armament and valuable articles, and then given up for want of room for the prisoners.

Brig ———, captured and burnt by the Governor Plumer, privateer. She was bound from Hull to Halifax.

Brig ———, from Lisbon to London, with a cargo of cotton, taken by the letter-of-marque schooner *Sabine*, of Baltimore, on her way to France, and burnt.

Brig *Kingston Packet*, with a valuable cargo of rum, etc., brought into Ocracock, North Carolina, by the *Globe*, of Baltimore.

Schooner *Britannia*, from St. Johns for the West Indies, sent into Portland by the *Grand Turk*.

Ship *Loyal Sam*, 10 guns, from Nassau, N. P., for England, captured by the letter-of-marque schooner *Siro*, of Baltimore, on her passage from France, and ordered to a southern port. The *Loyal Sam* had \$23,500 in specie on board, and a quantity of indigo which came safe to Portland, where the *Siro* arrived soon after.

Ship *Venus*, 14 guns, from Cadiz for Newfoundland, with a full cargo of salt, sent into Beaufort, S. C., by the *Globe*.

Brig *David*, from Waterford for Halifax, laden with provisions, sent into Portsmouth by the Gov. Plumer, privateer.

Brig *Ajax*, 2 guns, captured by the Gov. Tompkins. The prize did not arrive, but a handsome quantity of dry goods that were on board of her having been transferred to the privateer, came safe to New York.

Brig *Hartley*, 2 guns, from Gibraltar for St. Salvador, taken by the Gov. Tompkins and burnt.

Transport ship from Lisbon for England, captured by the letter-of-marque *Bellona*, of Philadelphia, on her

ge from France. The prisoners were paroled for  
nge, and the vessel ransomed.

g Gen. Prevost, from Halifax for Demarara, cap-  
by the Rolla, of Baltimore, and sent into New Or-

ooner Brown, of London, captured by the letter-  
rque Bellona, of Philadelphia, and ransomed.

noted schooner, Liverpool Packet, of — guns,  
d into Portsmouth by the Thomas of that port.

g ———, from South America for London, with a  
ble cargo of hides, tallow, etc., sent into Provi-  
by the Yorktown, of N. Y.

p Susan, of Liverpool, from Gibraltar for that port,  
ed by an American letter-of-marque, and carried  
Marennnes, France.

p Seaton, captured by the Paul Jones, and after-  
burnt by the Globe, at the request of the Prize-  
r, she not being seaworthy.

ooner Elizabeth, from Lisbon for London, captured  
Globe, and burnt.

Pictou, in ballast, with some cordage and crockery—mounting 4 four-pounders—by the Benjamin Franklin.

Brig ———, from Jamaica, sent into New York ; prize to the Teazer.

Brig Hero, from St. Andrews, sent into Castine by the Teazer.

Brig Resolution, with flour, arrived at Portland, prize to the Nancy, Captain Smart.

Brig ———, from Jamaica for Madeira, laden with wine, arrived at New London, a prize to the Marengo.

Brig ———, from the Leeward Islands to Guernsey, mounting six guns, with a full cargo of West India produce, arrived at Martha's Vineyard, a prize to the Gen. Armstrong.

Brig ———, with salt, cut out of Turk's Island, by the Orders in Council, arrived at New York.

Brig ———, a new, light vessel, from Gibraltar to Halifax, a prize to the John, arrived at Boston.

Brig Ann, prize to the Teazer, arrived at an Eastern port.

Brig Thomas, from Aberdeen for the River St. Lawrence, mounting two guns, in ballast, captured by the Decatur, and sent as a cartel to Halifax.

Brig Tulip, British property under American colors, sent into Philadelphia by the Atlas, Captain Maffet.

Brig ———, 14 guns, arrived at New York, sent in by the Holkar.

Bark ———, captured and burnt by the Dolphin, Captain Endicott, on her second cruise.

Ship Eliza Ann, from Liverpool, arrived at Boston, prize to the Yankee.

Schooner Success, from Newfoundland for New Brunswick, 250 barrels of salmon, prize to the Benjamin Franklin.



oner Lady Clark, arrived at New York, August  
prize to the Bunker Hill.

oner Sally, from Sidney, N. S., arrived at  
a prize to the Wiley Reynard.

oner Blonde, from Dominico for St. Johns, N. F.,  
to the John.

oner —, from Jamaica, with 160 puncheons of  
arrived at Salem, prize to the John.

ed schooner Doreas, taken by the Liberty, of Bal-  
divested of her dry-goods, etc., and released.

EXTRACT FROM A NEW YORK PAPER JULY 6th, 1813.

"A COUP DE MAIN."

Yesterday forenoon a fishing-smack was sent out  
Mosquito Cove by Commodore Lewis, who has the  
nd of a flotilla of gun-boats, stationed off the  
for the purpose of taking by stratagem the sloop  
tender to the British 74 Poictiers, cruising on  
Sandy Hook light-house, which succeeded to a

a volley of musketry, which struck her crew with dismay, and drove them all down so precipitately into the hold of their vessel, that they had not time to strike their colors. Seeing the deck was cleared of the enemy, sailing-master Percival, who commanded the expedition, ordered his men to cease firing—upon which one of the enemy came out of the hold, and struck the colors of the *Eagle*. She had on board a thirty-two-pound brass howitzer, loaded with canister shot ; but so sudden was the surprise, they had not time to discharge it. The crew of the *Eagle* consisted of H. Morris, master's-mate of the *Poictiers*, W. Price midshipman, and eleven marines. Mr. Morris and one marine were killed ; Mr. Price mortally, and one marine severely wounded.

"The *Eagle*, with the prisoners, was brought up to town yesterday afternoon, and landed at Whitehall, amidst the shouts and plaudits of thousands of spectators assembled on the Battery, celebrating the Fourth of July."

#### PRIZES CAPTURED BY PRIVATEERS.

Brig *Union*, from Ireland, laden with provisions, sent into Abrevrehe, (France), by the True Blooded Yankee.

Ship *Aurora*, from Belfast for London, sent into Roscoff, (France), by the same.

Ship ———, of 20 guns, chased on shore, on the coast of Africa, by the *Rambler*, of Bristol.

Ship *Integrity*, from Waterford to Lisbon, captured between Waterford and Cork, by the True-Blooded Yankee, and carried into Norway.

Brig *Avery*, from Magadore, 12 guns, laden with

almonds, beeswax, etc., sent into New Bedford  
Yorktown, valued at \$200,000.

oner Leonard, taken and sunk in Dublin Bay, by  
the Blooded Yankee.

Betsey, with a full cargo of wine, raisins, etc.,  
Malaga for St. Petersburg, sent into Plymouth by  
ek's Favorite, valued at \$75,000.

oner Three Sisters, of Bermuda, with a cargo of  
etc., sent into St. Mary's by the Saucy Jack, of  
ston.

oner Gen. Horseford, of 210 tons, with a valuable  
cargo, sent into Savannah by the Decatur.

Nelly, from Cork for Newfoundland, captured  
Fox of Portsmouth, and burnt after dispossessing  
her valuable articles.

p Peggy, from Greenock for Limerick, captured  
same and ransomed.

oner Brother and Sister, from Liverpool for  
ort, captured by the same and burnt.

## TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.

In June, 1813; the privateer *Young Teazer*, belonging to New York, was destroyed by a desperado by the name of Johnson.

This man had formerly commanded the *Old Teazer*. When that vessel was captured by Admiral Warren's fleet, Johnson was released on his parole. Not long after he had obtained his liberty, without waiting to be regularly exchanged, he entered as first lieutenant on board of the *Young Teazer*.

By letters from several of the crew (prisoners in Halifax) to the agents of the privateer, we learn the following particulars of the sad catastrophe :

While the *Teazer* was closely pursued by an English man-of-war, and in great danger of being taken, Capt. Dawson (who commanded the privateer), called his officers aft to consult on what had better be done. While they were deliberating on the subject, one of the sailors called aloud to the Captain, that Lieutenant Johnson had just gone into the cabin, with a live brand of fire in his hand. In another instant, the *Young Teazer* was blown up. All the crew perished with her, except seven seamen who were standing on the forecastle, one of whom died soon after.

Had Johnson blown his own brains out, or tied a gun about his neck, and thrown himself overboard, some would have mourned for him, and none found fault. By all accounts he was not one of the most amiable men living ; on the contrary, the desperate wretch must have been possessed of the devil, to have plunged so many human beings into eternity without a moment's warning.

Many of them, it is said, had wives and children to mourn their untimely fate.

31st.—The privateer sloop Wasp, Capt. Ervin, of carrying 2 guns, with small arms, etc., fought British Government schooner Bream, of 10 guns, of nine hours, viz., a running fight for 8 hours, close quarters for about 45 minutes, and was afterwards taken. The Lieutenant commanding the British schooner being a gentleman, treated Capt. Ervin and his crew with great kindness, for their bravery in defending their little vessel so resolutely.

## REMARK.

The conduct of the British officer towards his prisoners in this little action, is an infallible sign of a brave, and a humane man.

## PRIZES CAPTURED BY PRIVATEERS.

The vessels captured by the America, of Salem, and

The privateer, when last seen, had in company the brig Ann, from England for Nova Scotia, with a full cargo of cloths, cassimeres, etc., valued at \$500,000.

#### THE YANKEE'S CRUISE.

*May* 20th.—Left Newport. 23d.—Recaptured brig William.

*June* 22d.—Close in with Ireland, took the cutter-sloop Earl Camden, valued at \$10,000; ordered for France.

*June* 30th.—Took brig Elizabeth, 2 guns, laden with cotton, valued at \$40,000; ordered for France. Same day, took brig Watson, laden with cotton, valued at \$70,000; ordered her for France.

*July* 2d.—Ireland in sight, took brig Mariner, laden with rum, sugar, etc., valued at \$70,000; ordered her for France.—Arrived at Providence, R. I., Aug. 19th.

The Yankee had not a man killed or wounded during her cruise.

#### PRIZES CAPTURED BY PRIVATEERS.

Bark Henrietta, sent into Beaufort, N. C., by the Snap-Dragon, of Newbern.

Brig Ann —, with a cargo of dry-goods, worth \$500,000, captured by the Snap-Dragon, and the most valuable part of the cargo taken on board the privateer, which vessel safely arrived at Newport.

The Saucy Jack arrived at St. Mary's from her third cruise. She captured the schooner Two Sisters, laden with flour and fish; ship Eliza, of 10 guns, with flour, beef, etc. On the 17th July, fell in with the ship Louisa, and brig Three Brothers, of 10 guns each, and captured them both without loss. The Saucy Jack also took and gave up some small vessels. She was the cause of the loss of

emy's sloop-of-war Persian, which was wrecked  
Silver Keys, June 29th, while in chase of this  
little privateer.

DEFENCE OF THE LETTER-OF-MARQUE SCHOONER LOTTERY,  
IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY.

letter-of-marque schooner Lottery, of Baltimore,  
guns and 35 men, on the 15th of February, 1813,  
at anchor in Chesapeake Bay (being outward  
) , was captured by nine British barges, containing  
en ; after fighting them off for an hour and a half,  
supposed that more Englishmen were killed and  
ed than the whole crew of the letter-of-marque.  
n Southcomb of the Lottery, being badly wounded,  
emy boarded the schooner, and pulled down the  
themselves.

STING BATTLE BETWEEN THE PRIVATEER DOLPHIN, CAPT.  
STAFFORD, AND THE ENGLISH SHIP HEBE, AND WITH HER

and sixty-five men. They were both richly laden, and were very valuable prizes.

The Dolphin then proceeded homeward. She passed through the British squadron in the Chesapeake Bay, and arrived safe at Baltimore, on the 15th of February, after a very fortunate cruise. The captain of the British ship, smarting from his wounds, said "he did not expect to find a d——d Yankee privateer in that part of the world," but was given to understand that, by-and-by, captures might be made in the Thames; at which he wondered greatly!

The following is honorable to all parties concerned in it—we should be glad to see such things from the other side of the water.

A CARD.

"W. A. Brigham, lately captured in the British merchant ship Hebe, late under his command, by the United States privateer Dolphin, Captain W. S. Stafford, after a severe contest, begs to make public, and gratefully acknowledge the sense he has of the very kind and humane treatment he and his crew experienced on board the Dolphin, during a passage of five weeks, from the time of capture till our arrival at this port. All wearing apparel and private property were given up to the prisoners, and the wounded (eight in number), most diligently and tenderly attended. W. A. Brigham being badly wounded by a musket-shot, and much burnt, experienced a very great share of this attention from Dr. Chidester, the surgeon, which, together with the tender sympathy and goodness of Captain Stafford, added much to his recovery and happiness. Should the fortune of war ever throw Captain Stafford, or any of his crew into the hands of the British, it is sincerely hoped he will meet a similar treatment."

*Baltimore, Feb. 16th, 1813.*



writer of these pages was personally acquainted with Captain W. S. Stafford, when at Bordeaux, near 1814. And it is with pleasure, he adds, he always found him a modest, unassuming, gentleman; no one can, for a moment, doubt his long bravery and gallant bearing, when he recollects the many battles he has gained over the enemies of his country. To be convinced that Captain Stafford was generous, kind, and humane, the reader need only refer to the fact of Captain W. A. Brigham's military certificate, after his capture, and during the time he was a prisoner on board the Dolphin.

The writer of the following article calls to mind the brave acts of the Baltimoreans during our last war in England, he is inspired with a feeling of esteem and veneration for them, as a brave and patriotic people, and he endures with him to the end of his existence. He has seen the whole struggle against an inveterate foe, and he has seen all they could do to aid and strengthen the hands

ments. In making these remarks in praise of Baltimore, I do not mean to disparage the noble patriotism of many other cities of our glorious Union, but I do mean to say, that if the same spirit that fired the hearts and souls of the Baltimoreans, had evinced itself throughout our entire country, it would have saved every American heart much pain and mortification, and would, in my opinion, have shortened the war. For while the English believed we were a divided people, they were slow to relinquish their unreasonable demands. With these obvious reasons, can any one possessed of the least knowledge of human nature, believe there can ever be any real friendship between an English Aristocrat, a High-Church Tory, and an American Republican ; the very idea of such a friendship is preposterous to the last degree. It therefore follows, that we have only to rely upon our own strength and union, to repel aggression from whatever quarter it may come. Would the English, if they had succeeded in taking Baltimore, have shown more mercy in sparing it than they did Washington? I have no patience with such fallacious reasoning. Are they not the same people, and playing the same game now, on the shores of the Baltic, and in the White and Black Seas?

Should we have another war with them, would they not perform the same unnatural acts as were perpetrated at Hampton, in 1813, if they had the power to do it? Talk not of British magnanimity to any one acquainted with their history ; were it not for the religion and virtue of the middle classes in England, "the hands of the aristocracy would be against every man, and every man's hand against them." The writer was in Baltimore shortly after the English retreated from that place, and when he saw the American flag, with its beautiful

and stripes, wave gracefully in the breeze on Fort Mifflin, the impression made upon his mind was in-

He will not attempt to describe the feeling, it is much better expressed in Key's immortal "Star Spangled Banner."

THE CRUISE OF THE FAMOUS CAPTAIN BOYLE, IN THE  
TEER-SCHOONER COMET, ON THE COAST OF BRAZIL, AND  
THE WEST INDIA ISLANDS.

Captain Boyle left Baltimore in Dec. 1812, and on a stormy night passed through the midst of the British blockading squadron, at the mouth of the Chesapeake.

After getting to sea, Capt. Boyle proceeded to the coast of Brazil, without meeting with any remarkable incident until he arrived off Pernambuco, on the 1st of January, 1813. At this point his Journal proceeds as follows: "On this day I spoke a coaster from Pernambuco, who informed me of some English vessels bound here to sail in a few days from that place. On the

that the brig was a Portuguese national vessel, mounting 20 32's, and 165 men; that the three others were English, for Europe, under his protection, and that must not molest them. I informed him that I was an American cruiser, and insisted on his seeing my authority to capture English vessels, which he did. I then informed him I would capture those vessels if I could; that they were upon the high seas, the common highway of all nations; that he had no right to protect them. That the high seas, of right, belonged to America as much as any other power in the world; and, that at all events (under those considerations), I was determined to exercise the authority I possessed. He said he should be sorry if anything disagreeable took place; that he was ordered to protect them, and should do so. I answered him, that I should feel equal regret that anything disagreeable should occur; that if it did, he would be the aggressor, I did not intend to fire on him first. That if he did attempt to oppose me, or fire on me when trying to take these English vessels, we must try our respective strength, I was well prepared for such an event, and should not shrink from it. He then informed me those vessels were well armed, and very strong. I told him I valued their strength but little, and should very soon put it to the test. He then left me to go on board the man-of-war brig, to communicate our conversation to his captain, with a promise of again returning, which, however, he did not do. Finding he did not mean to return, I took the man-of-war immediately, and asked him if he intended sending his boat back; he said he would speak to his convoy, and requested me to send my boat on board. Entertaining some suspicion of his motives for thus asking for my boat, I told him that I did not make the practice of sending my boat from my vessel in the night,

should not now do it. I then again told him of my intention very distinctly, so that he should not misunderstand me. The English vessels were ahead of us, consisting of a ship of 14 guns, and two brigs of 10 guns each, making in all a force of 54 guns! I made sail immediately for them, came up with the ship (the three, were close together), hailed her, and ordered them to strike the main top-sail; he gave little or no answer. In a quick way at the time, I shot ahead, but told him I should be alongside again in a few minutes; and if he did not obey my orders, I would pour a broadside into him.

After a few minutes I tacked, the man-of-war followed after me; this was about half past 8, P. M. I then came alongside the ship, one of the brigs being close to me, and opened my broadside upon them both; we were tearing a crowd of canvas, and I was, from superior speed, frequently obliged to tack, and should have profited much by it, had not the man-of-war been so close, when it now opened a heavy fire upon us, with round and

the Bowes again, when I spoke the ship, the captain of which I ordered to follow me, who informed me his ship was in a sinking condition, having many shot-holes between wind and water, and not a rope but what was cut away ; but for his own safety, he would, if possible, follow my orders. At half past 1, P. M., took possession of the Bowes, and manned her. The man-of-war brig, however, continued to interfere with my taking possession of the three English prizes, so that I was occasionally obliged to exchange broadsides with him. After this, the man-of-war fired a broadside into the prize, and passed her. The moon was now down, and it became quite dark and squally, which caused us to separate from our prizes. At 2 A. M., he stood to the south; it being quite dark, we were out of sight of the brig and ship, which were in a southern direction. I now thought it prudent to take care of the prize till daylight, the Captain of which informed me that the ship and the other brig were loaded with wheat. At daylight, we wore close to the prize, the man-of-war standing for us. I immediately hove about, and stood for him, or rather for the ship and brig ; he tacked likewise, and made signals for the convoy to make the first port. Considering the situation of the ship and brig, I determined not to take possession of them, but to watch their manœuvres. They both bore up before the wind, for the land, in company with the man-of-war, which appeared also much damaged. I followed for some time, taking particular notice of them. It appeared to me that great exertions were made to keep the ship from sinking, which, with the brig, settled in the water.

The man-of-war appeared occasionally to render them assistance ; the ship was called the George, of Liverpool, Captain Wilson, and the brig the Gambia, of Hull, Cap-

smith. At 10 A.M., went in pursuit of the Bowes, meridian spoke her. I have since learned from all vessels which I boarded from Pernambuco, that an-of-war brig\* was damaged very much, besides her first Lieutenant and five men killed, and a few wounded. Among the latter was the Captain, and his thigh shot off, and has since died of his wounds. The ship's masts scarcely lasted to carry her to Pernambuco; her cargo was nearly all damaged; she was dismantled, and obliged to get new top-sides. The other vessel was nearly in the same situation, the greater part of her cargo being damaged, and it was with difficulty we kept her from sinking, before they reached Pernambuco harbor.

After the fight and capture of the three British vessels, the gallant Boyle fell in with, and took the ship Adelphi, belonging to Aberdeen. She was from Liverpool bound for Bahia, of 361 tons, mounting twelve-pounders, laden with salt and dry-goods;

fired a gun and then struck her flag ; took possession of her. She proved to be the *Alexis*, of Greenock, from Demarara, loaded with sugar, rum, cotton, and coffee, mounting 10 guns ; sent Mr. Ball and six men on board, to take her to the United States, and then made sail after the other. At eight A. M., discovered a man-of-war brig upon the wind, standing to the S.E., apparently from St. Thomas ; ascertained from the prisoners that they were a part of a convoy of nine sail from Demarara, bound for St. Thomas ; that the most of them had got in during the night, and that the man-of-war brig then in sight had convoyed them, and that she was called the *Swaggerer*. At 9 A.M. hoisted his colors, and prepared to give the brig he was then in chase of, a broadside, when she set English colors, and gave the *Comet* her whole broadside of great guns, which was instantly returned, when down came her colors. After she had struck they cut away her topsail and jib-haulyards, etc., etc., in addition to the damage the *Comet* had done by her shot, which was very considerable ; sent Mr. Cashell, first Lieutenant, and several men, on board, to repair the rigging as quick as possible ; took out most of the prisoners, and sent Mr. Gilpin, prizemaster, with seven men, to relieve Mr. Cashell ; the brig by this time had made sail and filled away in company with the *Comet*. The man-of-war by this time had gained very much upon them, he therefore thought it prudent to make no delay, but to order Mr. Cashell to make the best of his way through the passage between St. Johns and St. Thomas, as the only possible way of saving the prize brig from recapture. In the mean time Capt. Boyle, with the *Comet*, played about the man-of-war brig, to divert his attention until the prizes had time to make their escape. The last brig captured was the *Dominica*



t, of Liverpool, from Demarara bound for St. as, laden with rum, sugar, cotton, and coffee, ting ten guns. Captain B. then hove to and gave an-of-war brig time to approach the Comet, which to within long gun-shot; Capt. Boyle soon found uld out-sail his opponent with ease, and was able talise and perplex him, and in this way he del him until his prizes had made their escape through assage. He kept him in play in this manner until when he found Mr. C. had got through the passage, d ordered him to steer to the northward, and de he would follow him as soon as possible. He then all sail upon the wind to go around to the wind- of St. Johns, the Swaggerer in full chase. At two e had so out-sailed his adversary, that he was at our miles to leeward. At this time he discovered on the weather bow, and soon after made her out a schooner running before the wind. At 3 P. M., near her, fired several muskets at her when she

privateer-brig *Chasseur*, always annoying the enemy, wherever he chanced to steer ; sometimes on the coasts of Spain and Portugal, and anon in the British and Irish Channels, carrying dismay and terror to British trade and commerce, in defiance of their fleetest frigates and sloop-of-war, who strove again and again to capture him, but were never able. He appeared frequently to tantalise and vex them, as if for mere sport, and at the same time convince them, that he could out-manceuvre and out-sail them, in any trial of seamanship or skill.

It must have been a fine sight to see him handle his beautiful vessel, and to a nautical man, highly exciting, to have witnessed his famous escape in the British Channel, when nearly surrounded by two frigates and two brigs of war, as recorded in the tenth chapter of this work.

He received the fire of one of the frigates and skillfully hauled out from among them, and made good his retreat.

## CHAPTER V.

SHALER'S ESCAPE IN THE PRIVATEER GOVERNOR TOMPKINS FROM A BRITISH  
TE—THE PRIVATEERS YANKEE AND BLOCKADE SAIL FROM NEWPORT ON THE  
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ENT INTO BOSTON—BRITISH PACKET MORGIANNA, CAPTURED BY BOARDING, BY  
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LIA, OF CHARLESTON—THE YANKEE PRIVATEER RETURNS TO RHODE ISLAND AFTER  
SUCCESSFUL CRUISE—TABLE OF PRIVATEERS BELONGING TO SALEM—CAPTAIN STAP-  
LETON'S FAMOUS DEFENCE OF THE PRIVATEER DOLPHIN—ARRIVAL OF THE PRIVATEER  
TUS AT NEW YORK—NARROW ESCAPE OF THIS VESSEL, WHILE CRUISING  
OFF THE CANARY ISLANDS—EULOGY ON CAPTAIN JOHN MURPHY—DESPERATE  
ENCOUNTER BETWEEN THE PRIVATEER GLOBE, CAPTAIN RICHARD MOON, WITH TWO  
BRIGS, OFF MADEIRA—BRITISH SHIP NEREID CAPTURED OFF MADEIRA BY THE  
GOVERNOR TOMPKINS—INTERESTING CRUISE OF THE FAMOUS CAPTAIN BOYLE IN THE  
GOVERNOR COMET.

TEXT OF A LETTER FROM NATHANIEL SHALER, COMMANDER  
OF THE PRIVATE ARMED SCHOONER "GOVERNOR TOMPKINS,"  
WHEN AGENT IN NEW YORK.—DATED AT SEA, JAN. 1st. 1813.

to take the bulk of an action. Boats were seen passing to and from her. She had boarding nettings almost up to her tops, with her topmast studding-sail booms out, and sails at their ends, ready for running, as if prepared for a runaway fight.

Her ports appeared to be painted, and she had something on deck, resembling a merchant's boat. After all this what the devil do you think she was? why, have a little patience, and I will tell you. At 3 P. M. a sudden squall struck us from the northward, and the ship not having yet received it, before I could get our light sails on, and almost before I could turn round, I was under the guns, (not of a transport) but of a large frigate! and not more than a quarter of a mile from her.

I immediately hauled down English colors, which I previously had up, set three American ensigns, trimmed our sails by the wind, and commenced a brisk fire from our little battery, but this was returned with woful interest. Her first broadside killed two men and wounded six others—(two of them severely, one has since died)—it also blew up one of my salt-boxes, with two nine-pound cartridges; this communicated fire to a number of pistols and three tube boxes which were lying on the companion way, all of which exploded, and some of the tubes penetrated through a crevice under the companion reef, and found their way to the cabin floor, but that being wet, and the fire-screen being up, no further accident took place. This, together with the fire from the frigate, I assure you, made warm work on the Tompkin's quarter-deck, but thanks to her heels, and the exertions of my brave officers and crew, I still have the command of her.

When the frigate opened her fire on me, it was about half-past three. I was then a little abaft her beam. To

empted to tack in a hard squall, would at least have posed me to a raking fire, and to have attempted to do so, would have been attended with inevitable loss of the schooner. I therefore thought it prudent to take her fire on the tack on which I stood this I was exposed to from the position I have occupied, until I had passed her bow; she all the while standing on with me, and almost as fast as our- and such a tune as was played round my ears, I never, I never wish to hear again on the same key. His shot began to fall short of us. At half-past five the wind dying away, and the enemy still holding their ship began to reach us. We got out sweeps, and all hands to. I also threw all the lumber from the deck, and about 2,000 lbs. weight of shot from the hold. From about five P. M., all his shot fell short of us. At twenty-five minutes past five the enemy gave up, and I was glad to get so clear of one of the most harrowing companions that I ever met with.

itude with which all my orders were executed, is sufficient proof that they were to be relied upon. Mr. Thomas, boatswain, and Mr. Casewell, master's-mate, were particularly active, and deserve encouragement. The name of one of my poor fellows who was killed ought to be registered on the book of fame, and remembered with reverence as long as bravery is considered a virtue. He was a black man, by the name of John Johnson ; a 24 lb. shot struck him in the hip, and took away all the lower part of his body. In this state the poor, brave fellow lay on the deck, and several times exclaimed to his shipmates, "fire away boys, neber haul de color down." The other was also a black man, by the name of John Davis, and was struck in much the same way : he fell near me, and several times requested to be thrown overboard, saying he was only in the way of the others. While America has such sailors, she has little to fear from the tyrants of the ocean. From the circumstance of her shot being 24's, which I assure you was the case, as we have felt and weighed them, I am of opinion that it was the Laurel, a new frigate, which I had information of. A gentleman whom I took, told me she was in the fleet ; that she was built and manned for the purpose to cope with our frigates ; that if she got sight of me, she would certainly take me, as she was the fastest sailer he ever saw.

I send you a list of the killed and wounded ; in every thing else we are in good order and high spirits.

Killed—John Johnson, John Davis ; wounded—six.

#### PRIZES CAPTURED BY PRIVATEERS.

The British brig Harriet, captured by the privateer General Armstrong, and sent into Porto Rico, she being

of water ; was seized by the Spanish government  
and given up to the British.

On the 20th of May, 1813, the privateer *Alex-  
ander* of Salem, of 18 guns, was chased on shore in  
Nantuxet Bay, by two British men-of-war. She was so  
pursued that only twenty of her crew had time  
for their escape. It fortunately happened, however,  
that a large portion of her crew were on board of  
prizes, which she had made previous to her cap-

On the 1st of June the Yankee privateer, of 19 guns,  
with a crew of 200 men, sailed in company with the pri-  
vateer *Blockade*, of 15 guns, from Newport, R. I., on a  
cruise.

The privateer *Grand Turk*, of 16 guns, arrived at  
New York, after having captured three large, armed, and  
valuable ships, on the coast of Brazil, all of which  
were ordered to proceed to France. On her passage home  
she captured a schooner which she sent to the

try, she will make herself known and respected by those States, in spite of the power of the rest of the Union. If in the war of 1755, France had been as superior at sea, as Britain then was, we should never have heard of the United States of America. The back country would have been as well settled before this with Frenchmen, as it now is with the descendants of Britons. We ought at present to take the benefit of former lessons, and make those people our friends, when so much is in our power. Take New Orleans, which is at the threshold of our West India Islands, and which could furnish them with provisions, at half the price they have been accustomed to pay. By such conduct, firm allies would be created on the Continent. Our West India planters would be gratified, and the integrity of the Spanish dominions in America, guaranteed from traitorous insults."

In reply to the policy of taking New Orleans, an American statesman says : " This is very good, but the Editor of the *Courier* seems not to know that two millions of people as hardy, brave and patriotic as the world can produce, are immediately interested in maintaining an outlet to New Orleans, who, like the flood of their own Mississippi, would precipitate themselves on the foe with irresistible force. Should the English attempt to carry out their plan, it would prove to them more disastrous than the Walcheren expedition."

What prophetic words were here announced ! In about eighteen months after the above article was written, the English attempted to reduce their beautiful theory to practice. The result is too well known to need one word of comment.



## PRIZES CAPTURED BY PRIVATEERS.

poner Flying Fish, taken by the Saucy Jack, and  
d after dispossessing her of goods to the value of

p Catherine, laden with salt, taken by the Saucy  
and sent into Cape Henry, Hayti.

poner Kate, with salt fish, sent into Cape Henry  
same.

Louisa, 10 guns, laden with coffee, taken by the  
Jack, and burned to prevent her falling into the  
of a British man-of-war, in chase.

Three Brothers, 10 guns, laden with 2,646 bags  
tierces of coffee, sent into St. Mary's by the  
Jack. The bounty on the prisoners when brought  
ounted to a very handsome sum.

ong the curious incidents that belong to privateer-  
e notice the fitting out of a three-masted vessel,  
m, called the Timothy Pickering, apparently for

hhds. rum, and 30 barrels sugar,. The bounty on this vessel, cargo and prisoners, allowed by the United States government, was about \$4,000.

There were three vessels lately sent into France by the True Blooded Yankee.

Two vessels were recently sent into France by the Leo, letter-of-marque, Captain T. Lewis, and there sold.

The letter-of-marque schooner Leo, Captain T. Lewis, captured a homeward-bound English East India ship, said to be worth £500,000, sterling. Captain L. removed from his prize to the Leo, bullion and other valuable articles to the amount of \$60,000, which sum was fortunately saved, as the Indiaman was subsequently recaptured by an English sloop-of-war.

Brig —, captured by the Brutus, letter-of-marque, on her passage to France, and ransomed for \$5,000. The Brutus also captured another vessel, which was not heard of.

Schooner —, captured by the General Armstrong, on her passage to France, and burnt.

An English schooner from the West Indies, laden with sugar and coffee, bound for Halifax. The mate (being an American), persuaded some of the crew to join him to capture her, which they accomplished without bloodshed, and took the vessel safely into Castine.

The privateer Snap-Dragon, of Newburn, N. C., captured the British brig Ann, and convoyed her into that port, her cargo consisted of the following articles, namely: 215 bales of cloths, 22 boxes, 18 trunks, 43 casks, 74 packages, and 22 crates of earthenware, all English goods, invoiced at £83,000, sterling. She was truly a rich prize for the captors.

I find it stated, that in September, 1813, the privateer

la, of Philadelphia, was captured on the coast of  
, by the British ship-of-war Lion.

Schooner belonging to Penobscot River, sailed from

. When off Mount Desert, was captured by the  
sh privateer Dart, and an English prize crew put  
ard. All the Americans were taken out of the  
except one young man eighteen years of age ; she  
ordered for Halifax, and the young American offi-  
as pilot. In a fog, he adroitly managed to run  
hooner into Machias, where she was taken posses-  
f by the revenue cutter.

p Reprisal, from Scotland for the Bay of Chaleur,  
red by the Frolic, of Salem, and burnt.

g Friends, of Bristol for Pictou, captured by the  
and burnt.

g Betsey, taken by the Frolic, and burnt.

g —, from Newfoundland, laden with fish, sent  
Bordeaux by the letter-of-marque schooner Pilot,

Sloop —, laden with dry-goods, sent into Ellsworth, by a privateer-boat belonging to Beer Island.

Brig —, from Lisbon for London, laden with wool, rice, and cotton, captured by the letter-of-marque schooner Grampus, of Baltimore, on her passage from France, and burnt.

Two small vessels captured by the privateer-boat Terrible, of Salem, and sent into that port.

Schooner Lilly, from Port-au-Prince for London, captured by the letter-of-marque schooner Pilot, of Baltimore, and given up, after taking out some sugars, etc.

Brig Mary Ann, from St. Lucie for St. Johns, N. B., laden with 180 puncheons of rum, and 147 hhds. of molasses, captured by the same, and ransomed for \$4,000.

Brig —, captured by the letter-of-marque General Armstrong, on her passage to France, and burnt.

A brig and a sloop sent into Machias, by the Industry, of Salem.

The privateer Rattlesnake, Captain Maffet, captured the British packet Lapwing, and after divesting the prize of her armament, &c. &c., Captain M. transformed her into a cartel for prisoners, and sent her to Falmouth, England.

Two English ships taken by the True-Blooded Yankee, and sent into France.

Sloop Traveller, with a cargo of 52 packages of dry-goods, 13 casks of red wine, 70 crates of crockeryware, 68 casks of copperas, 15 hhds. of alum, 4 do. of sugar, sent into Machias by the privateer-boat Lark.

Ship Industry, sent into Bergen (Norway), by the True-Blooded Yankee, and there sold.

Ship London Packet, 14 guns, from Buenos Ayres for London, laden with 16,000 hides, etc., captured by the

-marque brig Argus, of Boston, and sent into  
t, where the brig also arrived. The prize was  
d at \$160,000.

Atlantic, from Trinidad for Cork, laden with 320  
sugar, 90 seroons of indigo, and other valuable  
ities, captured by the Argus, and ordered for  
port in the United States. The indigo, worth  
or \$20,000, was taken out of the prize, and  
rought into port by the Argus.

Jane, captured by the same, and ransomed to  
of the prisoners taken in sundry prizes.

Jane, in ballast, captured by the Snap-Dragon,  
n up to dispose of her prisoners.

majesty's" packet, Morgiana, 18 guns, 9 poun-  
o of them long brass pieces, 50 men, burden  
, captured by the privateer Saratoga, of 4 guns,  
men, by boarding. The Saratoga, chased by  
, had been compelled to throw overboard 12 of  
s previous to the action but took the brass

coast about this time. The *Lion* and two others were cruising on the coast of Spain. The *Scourge* and *Rattlesnake* released 180 prisoners, which they took in a fleet from Archangel.

Fifteen vessels, captured off Jamaica by the *Lovely Cordelia*, of Charleston, the valuable articles were taken out, and the vessels destroyed. The *Lovely Cordelia* arrived safely in port, after a fortunate cruise.

A brig, captured by the *Lovely Cordelia*, and manned for the United States, was subsequently wrecked on the coast of Florida.

Schooner *Fame*, from Barbadoes for Berbice, laden with Madeira wine, and government stores, captured by the *Saratoga*, was wrecked on Long Island, her crew and cargo all saved.

Ship *St. Lawrence*, from England, with a British license, full of most valuable British goods, worth from \$300,000 to \$400,000, captured by an Eastern privateer, and sent into Portsmouth, N. H., where she was condemned. The vessel and property were professedly American, but were ultimately proved to be English, consequently a good prize to the captors.

The Privateer *Yankee*, during her last cruise captured nine vessels, two of which she gave up to dispose of her prisoners and sent them to England as cartels, and after making a successful cruise returned again to Rhode Island.

The letter-of-marque *Water-Witch*, of New York, fell in with a British fleet of merchantmen, and captured three of them, which she manned for the United States.

Brig *President*, with a valuable cargo of sugar, molasses, and rum, sent into Savannah by the *Polly*, of Salem.

The *Yankee*, on her last cruise of 49 days, captured

Ann, with rum, salt, and dry-goods, for New-  
nd, valued at \$40,000 ; brig Mary, with salt, etc.,  
20,000 ; brig Despatch, cargo of general English  
tures, invoiced at £80,000, sterling ; brig Tele-  
with rigging, coals, provisions, etc., \$40,000 ;  
vorite, of little value, given up to release the pri-  
schooner Katy, laden with wine ; bark Paris,  
, captured after 35 minutes fight, a very valuable  
brig Howe, 6 guns, threw the guns overboard,  
e up the vessel to the prisoners ; John and Mary,  
with provisions and other goods, worth \$49,000.  
oaded vessels were part of a fleet from Cork ; two  
were ordered for France, and the rest for differ-  
s in the United States. It is possible the greater  
the Yankee's prizes may be recaptured. If she  
onged to the United States, sailing under orders  
by the commerce of the enemy, the loss of pro-  
ould have been equal to half a million of dollars  
art, and the gain of 180 prisoners on ours, in the

took possession under a fire from the enemy's ship and barges. In the affair we lost one man; the enemy's loss must have been considerable, as many were seen to fall. The whole cargo, together with sails, rigging, etc., have been saved, vessel bilged.

"The saving of the cargo of the Sparrow, was a very gallant affair. The 74 came near enough to fire grape shot at our people, having no sort of shelter, they laid down on the sand, and presented their heads to the enemy; and when his barges neared the shore, they rose and beat them off."

*New York, November 7, 1813.*

The London papers give a doleful account of the proceedings of an American privateer off the mouth of the Tagus (Portugal.) They report that she had captured 32 British vessels, many of them richly laden, and that their merchant vessels were unable to leave the ports of Great Britain without convoy.

They further add, that the American privateers seemed to increase daily, that they infest every part of Europe, that they were also on the coast of Brazil, and among the West India Islands, and that there was no security for trade and commerce except under the guns of their men-of-war.

I herewith extract from a Salem newspaper, the number and names of all the privateers, lost and taken by the British, belonging to that place and the neighboring ports, which are as follows:—

Schooner Fair Trader,	Brig Montgomery,
" Regulator,	Ship Alexander,
" Active,	Schooner Cossack,
" Dolphin,	Boat Owl,
" Buckskin,	Sloop Wasp,
" Revenge	Schooner Growler,
Ship John,	Schooner Dart—lost,
Schooner Enterprise,	Gallinipper—cast-away and lost.



whole value of the above 16 privateers, was estimated \$164,100. The sale of prizes brought into up to this date, amounts to \$675,695 93.

## PRIZES CAPTURED BY PRIVATEERS.

American schooner, from one of the Eastern ports, with 700 barrels of flour, bound for Halifax, sent New Bedford by the Water-Witch of Bristol,

Eliza Ann, valuable, sent into Eastport. The tender of the British sloop-of-war Martin, had demanded her restoration, under the penalty of destroying her. The demand was not complied with, and no exchange were exchanged between that vessel and the Eliza without apparent injury to either party. The Eliza was captured by the Timothy Pickering.

Schooner Experiment, of New York, was captured by the Henry; a prize-master and three men were taken on board, and two of the crew taken out, the Cap-

River for Newbern, N. C., was captured by the Lacedemonian, who put 5 men and a prize-master on board, leaving Capt. K. and another person on board, which two made out to surround the six Englishmen, and take them safely to Newbern. The prize-master promised that no further resistance should be made, and he did not attempt it, he of course was well watched.

The Timothy Pickering, privateer, sent into Salem the brig Dart. The Pickering also about the same period, sent a schooner into the same port.

Sloop Gen. Hodgkinson, from Curracoa for Martinique, with salt and some specie, captured by the Saratoga, but cast away near Charleston, S. C., where the prize-master and crew arrived safe.

Brig Edward, from N. B., laden with oil and fish, was captured and sent into Folly landing by the Fox privateer, of Baltimore.

Brig Lloyd, from Goree, captured by the Saratoga, her cargo of camwood, muskets and pistols taken out, and the vessel burnt.

Ship Venus, of 10 guns, from London for Bonavista, captured by the Saratoga, divested of her guns and all her valuables, and suffered to proceed with a little "friendly advice," not being worth sending in. The Saratoga had thrown 10 of her guns overboard, when chased by a British ship-of-war, and now supplied herself very opportunely from the Venus.

Schooner Joseph, of Surinam, laden with government stores, captured by the Saratoga, who took out her cargo, and ransomed the vessel, putting on board 29 prisoners on parole.

Schooner Lady Cockburn, with a cargo of indigo and coffee, taken by the same—took out the cargo, and allowed her to proceed to her destined port.

The *Saratoga* has arrived at Wilmington, N. C. ; bearing the cargoes of the above vessels, she is said to have secured a considerable sum in specie. She watered at the Canary Islands, where she was very civilly received.

The brig *Sir John Sherbroke*, of 10 guns and 40 men, was captured by the *Saucy Jack*, after a fight of twenty minutes, in which she had two men killed, and five wounded. The *Saucy Jack* sustained but little injury, except three men slightly wounded.

The valuable ship *Manly*, 4 guns, laden with wine, oil, &c. from Halifax, for the West Indies, sent into Charleston, S. C., by the *Revenge*, of Baltimore.

The brig laden with sugar and molasses, captured by the *Caroline* of Baltimore ; was recaptured by the *Briar* of Charleston.

We have had the pleasure of noticing the exploits of the privateer, of Baltimore, off the coasts of Spain and Portugal. She safely arrived at L'Orient in France,

Brig Abel, from the West Indies, laden with rum and sugar, sent into North Carolina by the Caroline, of Baltimore.

UNFORTUNATE *RENCONTRE* BETWEEN A BRITISH SLOOP-OF-WAR,  
AND THE PRIVATEER GRAMPUS, OF BALTIMORE.

The schooner Grampus safely arrived at New York, from an unfortunate cruise among the Canary Islands.

Previous to her leaving her cruising ground, she captured the British brig Speculation, from Lanzarote bound to London, but as she was an old vessel of little value, Capt. Murphy gave her up to the prisoners.

Soon after he gave up his prize, a British sloop-of-war hove in sight, and was so well disguised as a merchantman, that Capt. Murphy was decoyed quite under her guns, before he discovered his mistake. Believing her to be a letter-of-marque, he was, as it were, taken by surprise when the man-of-war opened her ports, and gave the Grampus a terrible broadside from her main-deck battery when within half pistol-shot distance. By this destructive discharge Captain Murphy, and one seaman were killed, and several of the crew wounded.

The privateer suffered greatly in her sails and rigging, and it was only by the utmost exertion she was able to make her escape from the enemy.

The writer of this article was personally acquainted with Captain John Murphy; some months previous to this sad event we met at Bordeaux. Capt. M. was then in command of the Grampus.

At that period I commanded the letter-of-marque David Porter, which vessel was lying at La Teste, a small port about thirty miles from Bordeaux.

It gives me pleasure to add that Captain Murphy was a brave, worthy man, and an excellent seaman, highly

ned and beloved by all who knew him. I have no  
his hard fate drew many a sympathetic tear from  
gentle and good of his numerous friends in Balti-

"SO SLEEP THE BRAVE."

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## PRIZES CAPTURED BY PRIVATEERS.

op Resolution, from Jersey for Lisbon, with linen,  
, etc., captured by the letter-of-marque schooner  
Armstrong, on her passage from France to the  
d States, dispossessed her of her cargo, and gave  
p to the prisoners.

g Phoebe, from Ireland for Madeira, laden with  
r and potatoes, captured by the same, and scuttled.  
General Armstrong soon after arrived at New

g Commerce, from Martinique for Halifax, laden  
rum and molasses, a prize to the letter-of-marque  
Flirt, of New York. The prize was partially dis-

Brig Silena, captured by the Revenge of Baltimore, and burnt.

The elegant privateer-ship Jacob Jones, of 600 tons, carrying 20 twelve-pounders, and a picked crew of 127 men, lately sailed from Boston, on a cruise in the East Indies.

Brig —, from St. Lucia, sent into Elizabeth City, (N. C.), laden with 140 hhds. and 200 barrels of sugar, by the Caroline.

The Privateer Rapid, of Charleston, being chased off the Mississippi, by the British sloop-of-war Herald, was unfortunately upset. Her crew, however, were soon picked up, and saved by the boats of the enemy. They were kindly treated as prisoners of war.

I hope no civilized nation would have acted otherwise under similar circumstances.

Brig —, from Halifax for England, laden with lumber, captured by the Grand Turk, and burnt.

The Grand Turk, about this time, arrived at Salem. Besides the above vessels, she captured and manned two valuable ships, one brig and one schooner. One of the ships was estimated to be worth \$150,000. The Grand Turk cruised about 20 days in the mouth of the English Channel. She had no fighting, nor was she chased by a man-of-war during her absence.

Schooner —, laden with sugar, coffee, etc., sent into Sunbury by the Patapsco, letter-of-marque, of Baltimore.

Pink stern-boat, belonging to Herrings Gut, with \$20,000 worth of English goods on board, was captured off George's River, by a row-boat privateer, and sent into a neighboring port.

Ten enemy's vessels, captured by the Caroline, (in addition to those whose safe arrival have been noticed,)

ed them of their valuable articles, burnt, sunk,  
the Caroline arrived at Charleston, S. C., with a large  
t of dry-goods, etc., on board. She caught also  
aitor vessels. The following is an extract from  
g-book :—

v. 20th—Fell in with the American sloop Osiris,  
from Martinique bound to St. Bartholomew,  
cargo of molasses. Capt. Driggs, taking the  
e for a British cruiser, showed his British license  
tain Almeda, at the same time informing him,  
e had supplied Commodore Oliver, of his Majesty's  
aliant, of New London, with a quantity of pota-  
d apples, for which he was paid, and that he had  
abt if he fell in with an American privateer he  
be hung. Put Mr. Canoning and a prize-crew  
rd the Osiris, and ordered her for the first Ame-  
ort."

letter-of-marque Herald, arrived at New York  
26th of December, from Charleston. On the pas-

character. She proved to be a large man-of-war brig, and after exchanging a few shots, I thought it most prudent to haul off. Before we separated, however, we received a nine-pound-shot under our quarter, very near the water-line. After getting clear of the man-of-war, we proceeded off the port of Funchal. We there saw two brigs, backing and filling about the roads, apparently ready to leave port. They probably saw the *Globe* in the offing, and were perhaps waiting for us to leave the Island, to enable them to proceed to sea without molestation.

On the 2d of November, at nine in the morning, they sailed out of the roads, and steered to the southward. We gave chase, but as it soon became dark and squally, we lost sight of them.

We however, still continued the pursuit under easy sail, until daylight the next morning.

November the 3d, at 6 o'clock, we saw the two brigs again bearing S.W. from us, some six or eight miles distant, we continued the chase until half-past 11 A. M., when the largest brig commenced firing upon us with her stern guns, which was soon returned, when the action commenced in good earnest. At half-past twelve noon, we sheered up alongside of our adversary to board him.

The schooner unfortunately fell off, so that only the first and second Lieutenants, and three seamen, had time to get on board.

These poor fellows were probably overpowered and killed by the enemy. At this time the *Globe* was very much injured in her sails and rigging. While we were thus engaged with the first brig, the other one bore up, and passing athwart our bows, gave us a terrible raking fire, which completely cut up our sails and rigging.



As broadside added to the injury we had already  
suffered from her consort, rendered our schooner for a  
considerable time quite unmanageable.

However, we continued the fight at close quarters,  
and we compelled the largest brig to strike her colors,  
at half-past three o'clock.

The other brig continued the action with great obstin-  
acy, pouring in upon us broadside after broadside within  
pistol-shot distance.

As the largest brig having surrendered, we managed to  
bring the *Globe* under steerage-way, and return the fire  
on the second brig, which had so severely injured us.  
We were now able to return his fire with compound in-  
tercourse at close quarters, until half-past-four o'clock, when  
our vessel almost in a sinking condition; hav-  
ing received seven shot in our hull nearly between wind  
and water.

Notwithstanding our disabled condition, we managed  
to haul to windward to take possession of the brig that

killed on board both these vessels, by our great guns and musketry.

After the action, we proceeded to the Grand Canary Island to repair damages, and refit.

While in that port, we heard from Santa Cruz, Teneriffe, that a British packet brig, carrying 18 guns, and another brig of 14, had recently arrived at that port. They reported that a few days before they had a severe engagement with an American privateer, and that they succeeded in beating her off, with great loss to themselves, having had 27 men killed and wounded, besides being terribly cut up in their hulls, sails, and rigging.

The loss of the *Globe* was eight killed, and fifteen wounded. Here follow the names of the killed and wounded :—

**KILLED.**—John Harrison, first lieutenant; John Smith, second lieutenant; Joshua Brown, seaman; Richard Blair, do.; James Thelis, do.; Samuel D. Smith, do.; Sandy Forbes, do.; ——— Oliver, do.

**WOUNDED.**—Richard Moon, captain; Noah Allen, prize-master; John Frinks, do.; Asa Hart, seaman; Ab. Kinhart, do.; — Fortune, do.; Job E. Wheeler, do.; P. Short, do.; F. Statt, do.; T. Jifford, do.; J. Arnold, J. Beatly, do.; John Wilson, do.; John Mitchell, do.; Daniel Milton, do.

The force of the *Globe* was one long-tom amidships, and eight twelve-pound carronades, with a complement of ninety men, including officers and marines.

#### PRIZES CAPTURED BY PRIVATEERS.

Hermaphrodite brig *Cossack*, from Martinique for Bermuda, laden with 133 hhds., 2 tierces, and 68 barrels of sugar, sent into Georgetown, S. C., by the letter-of-

the schooner General Stark, of 2 guns and 12 men, on her passage to St. Domingo. The General Stark had previously recaptured an American vessel, and ordered her to port, and at the time of capturing the Cossack, had only eight men on board, three of whom, with a prize brought in the prize and her crew (12 in number), This is truly "Yankee enterprize." The General belongs to Salem. The bounty allowed to our officers of-marque and privateers, (on the reduction of the cargo of this vessel, is equal to nearly

the schooner Jasper, from Surinam, laden with coffee, sugar, and rum, a prize to the Caroline, of Baltimore, on her way to Georgetown, S. C. It is stated this vessel would have been wrecked and lost on the bar, but for the meritorious exertions of Lieutenant Monk, of the United States Navy.

The schooner Rebecca, from Halifax for Bermuda, cargo of sugar, rum, and provisions, sent into Portsmouth by the

hoops, 80 bars of iron, and a quantity of coal, etc., the whole valued at £75,000 sterling, captured off Madeira, by the Governor Tompkins, of New York, and sent into that port. The Governor Tompkins had also captured two other very valuable vessels, and manned them for the United States, and was left in chase of a ship ; all these had belonged to a fleet that sailed under convoy, but separated in a gale. Allowing this vessel's cargo to be worth £75,000, the bounty in the reduction of duties, of itself, is equal to sixty or seventy thousand dollars.

Eight vessels, taken by the True-Blooded Yankee, and burnt off the coast of Ireland.

The *Castor*, captured by the same, divested of her valuable articles, and given up to the prisoners.

The True-Blooded Yankee also captured the following British vessels, namely, the *Active*, *Watson*, *Cora*, and *Eliza*, and sent them into France.

Schooner *Traveller*, laden with 119 hhds. and 60 barrels of sugar, besides coffee, etc., and sent into Squam by the *Frolic*, of Salem.

Schooner *George*, laden with dry-goods, and sundries, sent into Ellsworth by the *Fly*, privateer.

Sloop *Experiment*, with dry-goods, hardware, and lumber, sent into Machias, by the same privateer as above.

The *Fox* privateer has arrived at Salem, having made several valuable captures. The *Fox* was loaded with dry-goods and hardware, and had on board 21 English prisoners.

The *Vigilant*, a tender to the Admiral of the Windward Island station, captured by the *Comet*, of Baltimore, and sent into Wilmington, N. C.

Schooner —, laden with sugar and coffee, sent into Savannah by the *Patapsco*, of Baltimore.

a very valuable brig, *Young Husband*, laden with goods, hardware, etc., from Bristol, England, for *ra*, sent into Newport by the Governor Tomp-

the vessels captured by the *Comet*, of Baltimore, of their valuable articles and sunk. The *Comet* had to have had a handsome amount in cash and goods on board. Besides the above, she captured manned four prizes, one of which had at this time. She had a terrible battle with the ship *Hi*, of 800 tons, 22 guns, and a large complement, but was beaten off. The fight lasted about eight

The great height and strength of the ship preserved her. The privateer had three men killed, 3 wounded. The ship had 8 killed, and 13 wounded. The *Comet* put into Porto Rico to refit, and the *onia* arrived at St. Thomas, both much injured. *g Tullock*, of 200 tons, 10 guns, from Shields for *ique*, with a valuable assorted cargo, sent into

Damerell, the prize-master, supposing them to be English, hoisted a Swedish flag. But the French Commodore sent a boat on board, ordering the officer to set fire to her immediately, as there were three other vessels in sight, which was done, under the belief that she was a Swedish vessel. When the prize-master and his crew were carried on board, and the matter was duly represented, the Commodore expressed his regret for what had happened, and told the prize-master that the next vessel he took should be given him in compensation for the brig destroyed. On the same day, the frigates captured the Portuguese brig *Prince Regent*, from New Haven, bound to Cayenne, with a cargo of flour, lumber, etc., and according to promise, she was given up to Captain Damerell and crew, for reasons before stated. The *Prince Regent* being short of water, Capt. Damerell put into St. Barts, where he found the owner of the vessel, who immediately claimed her as his property, and after an investigation, the Governor ordered her to be restored to her former owner.

A British vessel laden with sugar, a prize to the *Comet*, of Baltimore, being short of provisions, lately put into Porto Rico for a supply. But the government seized and gave her up to the English claimant.

The privateer *Diomede*, *Crowningshield*, arrived at Salem, after a short cruise, in which she captured and manned six vessels belonging to the enemy. She also brought in 35 prisoners.

The privateer schooner *Viper*, Captain D. Dithurbide, of this port, sailed from Charleston on the 24th of February, on a cruise, and arrived at New Bedford on Friday, March 4th, having made three prizes, viz., the British ship *Victory*, burthen 300 tons, mounting 10

and 13 men, from Jamaica for Liverpool, laden with 4 bales of cotton, 140 tons of logwood, 170 tierces of coffee, 16 ceroons of indigo, (twelve of which brought in), 8 casks of white lead, and three of castor-oil. She was a new vessel, coppered to the bottom, and cost £13,000, sterling ;

American schooner Nelson, of Halifax, from St. Thomas, with 10 puncheons of rum ;

American schooner, Rosa, from Bermuda, with 84 hhds., 100 lbs. of sugar, and 74 bbls. of sugar, with British license. All these vessels were all ordered into port. Capt. Dithurton brought in 14 prisoners.

Notwithstanding Admiral Warren had declared the Chesapeake Bay under a strict blockade, still, in March, from 50 to 60 Baltimore privateers were cruising about every sea, laughing at John Bull's paper threats, and sending rich prizes into the ports along the Atlantic board.

During the week ending March 26th, many valuable

and seventy prisoners. While on this cruise she took an island on the coast of Ireland, and held it six days ; she also took a town in Scotland, and burned seven vessels in the harbor. She was soon after fitted out to make another cruise in company with the Bunker Hill, of 14 eighteen-pounders and 140 men. When the True-Blooded Yankee arrived in France she was laden with the following spoils :—18 bales of Turkey carpets, 43 bales of raw silk, weighing twelve thousand pounds ; 20 boxes of gums, 46 packs of the best skins, 24 packs of beaver skins, 160 dozen of swan skins, 190 hides, copper, etc.

Schooner *Mary*, of Jamaica, captured by the Macedonian, letter-of-marque of Baltimore, and ransomed.

Sloop, —, from Jamaica for the Spanish Main, captured by the *Hope*, arrived at Philadelphia, divested of a quantity of dry-goods, and given up.

Schooner *Curfew*, laden with fish and oil, from Nova Scotia for St. Lucia, sent into Marblehead by the *Alfred* of Salem.

Brig *Tercilla*, laden with fish, from St. John's, Newfoundland for Bermuda, captured by ditto and burnt.

Ship —, full built vessel of 500 tons, sent into Beaufort, N. C., by the *Chasseur* of Baltimore, from Liverpool for Pensacola, with a large cargo of crockery, hardware, white lead, dry-goods, etc. She was under Swedish colors, but the property was unquestionably British, from the papers found on board of her.

Ship —, of 400 tons, armed with 12 long twelve-pounders, from Smyrna, with an immensely valuable cargo of Turkey goods, sent into the Isle of Batz, (France,) by the True-Blooded Yankee.

Ship —, of 400 tons, 16 guns, nine-pounders, with a full cargo of hides, tallow, etc., from Buenos Ayres,



to Abrevach, (France,) by the True-Blooded

are in addition to the prizes already stated to  
been made by this astonishing vessel. She arrived  
at full of the richest spoils of the enemy.

ed schooner from Halifax, formerly the American  
er Eldridge Gerry, of Portland, laden with fish  
sent into Cape Francois, by a Baltimore letter-  
que.

—, laden with dry-goods, etc., captured by  
ter-of-marque schooner Delille, of Baltimore,  
passage from Bordeaux to New Orleans, and  
The Delille had previously captured and manned  
valuable vessel, and could not spare hands to  
the second prize.

oner Mary & Joseph, from Grenada for St.  
s, with sixty-six hogsheads of rum and seven of  
sent into New York by the Diomedé.

Bykar, laden with earthenware, hollow-ware,

Savannah by the Saucy Jack, of Charleston ; cargo supposed to be British.

The total number of prizes, for the last four weeks, safely arrived or satisfactorily accounted for, amounts to thirty-nine vessels : estimated value, two millions and seventy thousand dollars, [\$2,070,000.]

Brig Superb, with a cargo of salt, sent into Charleston, by the Mars of New York.

Brig Friends, of Halifax, from Grenada, with 112 puncheons of rum ; taken by the Diomedé, of Salem, and chased on shore on Long Island, by three men-of-war. The cargo was saved.

Schooner Sea-Flower, captured by the letter-of-marque schooner Tuckahoe, of Baltimore, on her passage to Aux Cayes, and burnt.

Schooner Hazard, from Nassau, for St. Domingo, captured by the same, and given up.

The Tuckahoe also captured another English vessel, (whose name is not given), which prize she manned and sent into port. The Tuckahoe narrowly escaped capture off the east end of Long Island, having been chased for several days by sundry English frigates and brigs-of-war. She, however, by superior sailing, and good management, eluded their grasp, and got safe into Boston, in March, 1814.

Brig Sovereign, of and for Liverpool, of 300 tons, with an assorted cargo. Sent into Portsmouth by the America, of Salem.

Schooner William, laden with sugar, coffee and molasses, from Martinique for St. Thomas. She was captured by the Diomedé, and sent into Savannah.

## CHAPTER VI.

BATTLE FOUGHT BETWEEN THE AMERICAN PRIVATEER-SCHOONER DECATUR, OF  
TON, CAPTAIN DIRON, AND HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SCHOONER DOMINICA, ON  
AUGUST, 1813—SAFE ARRIVAL OF THE DECATUR AND HER PRIZE AT CHARLESTON  
ON THE BATTLE—THE DECATUR SAILS ON A FRESH CRUISE FROM CHAR-  
ON THE 26TH NOVEMBER—VOYAGE TO FRANCE IN LETTER-OF-MARQUE,  
DAVID PORTER, GEORGE COGGERHALL, COMMANDER, LOADS AT PROVIDENCE,  
LAND—SAILS FROM NEWPORT—CHASED OFF CHARLESTON—ARRIVES AT THAT  
SAILS FROM CHARLESTON FOR FRANCE—LOSS OF FIRST PRIZE—TERRIBLE GALE IN  
OF BISCAY—THE SCHOONER THROWN ON HER BEAM-ENDS—ARRIVES AT LA  
FORT CRUISE IN THE BAY OF BISCAY—MAKES SEVERAL CAPTURES—ARRIVES  
DIEU—REMARKS ON THAT ISLAND—DIFFICULTIES AT BORDEAUX—HURRIES  
OM LA TESTE—VISIT TO LA ROCHELLE—BRIG IDA'S ESCAPE FROM LA ROCHELLE  
ST OF THE CAPTURE OF THE BRITISH SHIP MARY BY THE RATTLESNAKE—  
BORDEAUX AND PARIS.

THE BATTLE, FOUGHT BETWEEN THE AMERICAN SCHOONER-  
TEER DECATUR, OF CHARLESTON, CAPTAIN DOMINIQUE

the man at the masthead discovered two sail, bearing about South, when the Decatur tacked to the southward, to get the weather-gage, and by so doing, ascertain the character of the two strangers.

At eleven o'clock, they were made out to be a ship and a schooner; standing to the Northward. At half-past twelve (noon), being a little to the windward, and not far distant, the Decatur wore round and ran a little to the leeward, when the strange schooner set English colors.

At one P.M. the privateer wore again, still keeping to windward of his adversary. In the course of about half an hour, the strange schooner fired a shot at the Decatur, but without effect. Captain Diron then beat to quarters, and prepared for boarding the enemy.

After having loaded all his great guns and small arms, he hoisted American colors, having previously got on deck all the necessary ammunition, water, etc.

He then ordered all the hatches secured, so that no person could leave the deck, and with his grappling irons ready, bore down upon the enemy. His plan was to discharge all his guns, both great and small, and then board his adversary in the smoke.

For this purpose, at about two o'clock, Captain Diron wore ship, in order to pass under the stern of his opponent, and give him a raking fire. As they neared each other, the Englishman luffed to, and gave the privateer a broadside, but the most of his shot passed over her. At a quarter past two, Captain Diron fired his long tom which fire the enemy returned from his main-deck battery. Captain D. continued to discharge his long gun, a second and third time, and being now within half-gunshot distance, it must have done the enemy much damage.

The English schooner evinced a disposition to run  
ard, Captain Diron was fearful that he wished to  
his escape. To prevent this, the Decatur filled  
bring his bowsprit over the stern of his anta-  
but to counteract this manœuvre, the English  
er gave him a whole broadside, which fortunately  
only injured a portion of his rigging and sails.  
Decatur answered the broadside by again giving  
shot from his long-tom, at the same time order-  
boarders to be ready at a moment's warning, to  
board of the enemy, should an opportunity offer.  
now about a quarter to three o'clock in the after-  
and as the privateer approached to board, three  
were given by the crew ; when the English  
er gave the Decatur a whole broadside, which  
two of her crew, and materially injured the sails  
ging.

In the mean time, the privateer kept up a brisk fire of  
ry. The Englishman then kept away, to prevent

was a hand to hand combat, and was well sustained on both sides, until Capt. Barrette and his principal officers were either killed or wounded.

Mr. Vincent Safifth, first-prize master, and Mr. Thomas Wasborn, quarter-master, were the first two of the Decatur's crew who got on board of the English schooner.

This action was one of the hardest contested battles on record. Both parties fought with unparalleled vigor and desperate courage. The decks were covered with the dead and wounded. The conquerors themselves hauled down the English colors. On board the Decatur there were five killed and fifteen wounded. On board the Dominica, thirteen killed and forty-seven wounded, five of whom died soon after the action; making altogether sixty killed and wounded.

Among the killed was the commander, G. W. Barrette, Mr. J. Sacker, sailing-master, and Mr. D. Brown, purser. Mr. Archer and Mr. Parry, midshipmen, were wounded.

The only officers not killed or wounded were the surgeon and one midshipman. The first Lieutenant was on shore sick.

When the two schooners separated, the rigging and sails of both vessels were in a very bad condition. To restore and repair damages, and look after the wounded, was the first care of Capt. Diron, his officers, and crew.

On returning to Charleston with his prize, Capt. Diron made the land near Georgetown, ran down along the shore, and crossed Charleston bar without meeting an enemy. For several days previous to his arrival, there had been two English men-of-war brigs cruising off the harbor, but fortunately for him, they had steered away to the southward, so that he had time to enter the port without being molested.

ain Diron was a fortunate man in more respects  
ne, for the day after capturing the Dominica, he  
with, and took without resistance the British ship  
Trader, from Surinam bound to London. She  
board a valuable cargo, consisting of 209 hhds.  
r, 140 tierces of molasses, 55 hhds. of rum, 700  
coffee, and 60 bales of cotton. The prize arrived  
Savannah, on the same day that Captain Diron  
Chareston.

ng the combat between the Decatur and the Do-  
which lasted over an hour, the British govern-  
packet Princess Charlotte remained a passive  
or of the scene. As soon as the two schooners  
sengaged from each other, she tacked about, and  
o the southward. She left St. Thomas bound to  
l, under convoy of the Dominica, to a certain  
, and from thence to proceed on her course

vere sabre wound in the hand, from Captain Barrette, a few moments before he fell.

It was acknowledged by the English prisoners, that during their captivity, they were treated with great kindness and humanity by Captain Diron, his officers and crew ; and that the utmost care and attention were paid to the sick and wounded.

The crew of the captured vessel were all fine looking young men. There were among them eight or ten boys. To see this youthful crew on their arrival at Charleston, in their mangled condition, was enough to freeze the blood with horror, of any person not accustomed to such sanguinary scenes.

Among the crew was a small boy, not eleven years old, who was twice wounded while contending for victory on the deck of the Dominica.

The writer of this action was in Charleston soon after the Dominica was brought into that port, and heard the most of what he has narrated, from those who were acquainted with all the particulars of this bloody conflict. He also saw daily, one of the wounded English midshipmen, with his arm in a sling, who had the privilege of walking about the city, on his parole of honor.

The famous privateer Decatur, Captain Diron, sailed from Charleston on a new enterprise, the same day that the writer of this article arrived there.

It was with unfeigned pleasure I witnessed the departure of the brave Diron in pursuit of fresh laurels, and in sincerity wished him a successful cruise.

VOYAGE TO FRANCE IN THE LETTER-OF-MARQUE SCHOONER DAVID  
PORTER.

On the 20th of October, 1813, the letter-of-marque schooner David Porter, of New York, was lying at Pro-



e, R. I., taking in an assorted cargo for Charles-  
She was a fine, fast-sailing vessel of about 200  
burthen, armed with a long 18 pound centre gun,  
six pounders, muskets, boarding pikes, etc., etc.,  
and was commanded by George Coggeshall. At  
the U. S. frigate President, Commodore Rod-  
gers was lying in this port. He had recently arrived  
from a cruise, and had discharged the most of his men.  
Among them I obtained the greatest part of my  
officers and seamen, amounting in all to thirty

Having finished loading the schooner, I sailed  
down the river to Newport, to get ready to leave port,  
and wait for a favorable opportunity to proceed to sea. At  
that period there were several English line-of-battle ships  
and frigates cruising directly off Newport, to blockade  
Commodore Rodgers and prevent him from going to  
sea. Wherever there was one American frigate in any  
ports, the English generally kept several seventy-  
four and frigates to watch and blockade it.

ther quarter. He immediately made sail in chase of us.

The wind being off the land, to the N.N.E., the enemy kept to windward, close along shore, in hopes of driving me off to leeward. Just out of sight of Charleston bar, there were stationed two brigs-of-war, but being aware of the trap laid for me, I resolved to hug the wind, and push boldly for the channel at the bar, at the entrance of the port, and defend myself the best way I could.

The chase from off Cape Roman to Charleston bar, lasted about four hours, during which time I had gained but very little on the enemy. When I hauled up for the bar upon the wind, I brought the Englishman upon my weather beam, at long gun-shot distance. To ascertain whether I could reach him, I gave him a shot from long Tom, and though it did not quite hull him, I saw the shot strike so near him that it dashed the water all over his larboard quarter.

As the brig's guns were carronades, his shot could not reach us, while I should have annoyed him with our long Tom, had he thought it advisable to continue the action. Just at that moment, however, the famous privateer Decatur, Capt. Diron, and the letter-of-marque Adeline, Capt. Craycroft, of Philadelphia, were crossing the bar, and bearing down upon the brig, all three of us, with our ensigns flying. The Englishman probably thought it was most prudent to decline the combat, and speedily squared his yards, and ran out of sight to leeward.

The Decatur and Adeline steered on their course to the eastward, while I crossed the bar and proceeded up to Charleston. Soon after my arrival, I obtained a full freight for a port in France, consisting of 331 bales of cotton, at twenty-six cents per pound, with five per

primage. The gross freight and primage on this cargo of cotton amounted to twenty-three thousand dollars, which, for a pilot-boat schooner of 200 tons, only appears like an enormous freight on sea island cotton when the article could at that time be purchased for twelve or thirteen cents per pound. But when the expense of sailing one of these letters-of-marque is taken into consideration, the freight is not too high. The interest at that time was from fifteen to twenty per cent. the crew's wages at thirty dollars per month, and other expenses in like proportion.

On the 18th of December, I finished loading, and got the crew on board. The next day we were ready for departure, but unfortunately the wind blew fresh from the north, with dark, disagreeable rainy weather.

The Congress of the United States had lately assembled at Washington, and great fears were entertained by the public that an embargo would soon be laid. I was, of course, extremely anxious to get out of port, as such a

blowing a strong gale from the N.W., with a high sea running. I did not think it safe to board him until the gale should moderate, and the sea become smoother, and therefore ordered him to carry as much sail as possible, and follow me on our course to the eastward until better weather. He reluctantly followed, and once before dark, I was obliged to hail, and give him to understand, that if he showed too great a disposition to lag behind, or did not carry all the sail his brig could bear, he would feel the effect of one of my stern-guns. This threat had the desired effect, and he followed kindly at a convenient distance, until midnight, when it became very dark and squally, and we soon after lost sight of our first prize, which I did not much regret, as I could not conveniently spare men enough to send him into port.

From this time until we got near the European coast we scarcely saw a sail, and did not meet with a single man-of-war. Thus, while the whole coast of the United States was literally lined with English cruisers, on the broad ocean there were very few to be seen : a clear proof that the risk of capture between Newport and Charleston, was infinitely greater than in going to France.

At this period we were not obliged to deliver the goods on freight at any particular place, but at any port in France, from St. Juan de Luce to Ostend. My bills of lading were filled up on this principle, to "Bordeaux, or a port in France," so that on the arrival of the goods, the owners or agents were bound to receive them at any place where the vessel was fortunate enough to enter. My object was to get as near Bordeaux as possible ; still I did not like to attempt entering the Garonne, as the English generally kept several frigates and smaller vessels stationed directly off the Cordovan Light, which

ed it extremely difficult and hazardous. I there-  
decided to run for the harbor of La Teste.  
ut a week before we got into port, while in the Bay  
ay, namely, on the 19th and 20th of January,  
ountered one of the most severe gales from the  
ard that I ever experienced. It commenced early  
morning of the 19th, and blew a perfect hurri-  
which soon raised a high cross-sea ; at 8 o'clock,  
hove the schooner to under a double-reefed fore-  
wered the fore-yard near the deck, and got every-  
as snug as possible. At 12 o'clock noon, a tre-  
us sea struck her in the wake of the starboard  
rouds. The force of the sea broke one of the  
abers or stauncheons, and split open the plank-  
so that I could see directly into the hold. The  
e of the blow, and the weight of water that came  
rd, threw the vessel nearly on her beam-ends.  
ately the foresail was split, and the bulwarks torn  
y the water, and being thus relieved, she gradually  
l. We then threw overboard two of the lee-guns.





A WINGWATER LITHO

SCHOONER DAVID PORTER.

For sale by the U.S. Navy, New York, N.Y., 1864.

we might ship another sea, and therefore prepared, as it were, to anchor the vessel head to wind. For this purpose we took a square-sail boom, spanned it at each end with a new four-inch rope, and made our small bower cable fast to the bight of the span, and with the other end fastened to the foremast, threw it overboard, and payed out about sixty fathoms of cable ; she then rode like a gull on the water, and I was absolutely astonished to see the good effect of this experiment. The spar broke the sea, and kept the schooner nearly head to the wind until the gale subsided.

The next day, in the afternoon, January 20th, we again made sail, and on the 26th, six days after this tempest, got safe into La Teste, thirty-seven days from Charleston. While we providentially escaped destruction, other ships were less fortunate ; many vessels were stranded and wrecked along the coast ; five sail of English transports were thrown on shore near La Teste, and most of their crews perished in the same gale. On my arrival, all my papers were sent up to Paris ; and although we were all well, still we were compelled by the government to ride quarantine for six days.

After this was accomplished, I landed all my cotton, and having put it into a large and convenient warehouse, I proceeded directly to Bordeaux. The distance from La Teste to Bordeaux is about thirty miles, and as the roads were in a bad state at this season of the year, it was deemed most advisable to let my cargo remain at La Teste until some favorable change. At Bordeaux every thing was in confusion, as the enemies of France were at that time entering the empire in almost every direction. It was reported, while I was there, that a part of the Russian and Austrian armies were within thirty leagues of Paris, and that Lord



gton, with his army, was in the Landes in pursuit Marshal Soult, who was on his way to Toulouse ; and fears were entertained that a part of the English would soon be in Bordeaux. I was therefore extremely anxious to get away at all hazards, not knowing whether the English would respect private persons and property.

The American vessels had left Bordeaux for fear of the English, and had gone down near the mouth of the Garonne ; some were bound home to America, and others strove to get to La Rochelle, as that was a more fortified town, and would probably hold out longer than this place. Every day brought us worse news from Paris and other quarters, and from present appearances the country could not hold out much

In this state of things, when all was hubbub and confusion, the merchants were unwilling to advance any more of the freight on the cotton, I therefore found it difficult to obtain sufficient means to pay my neces-

man in a thousand knew that there was a Russian or an English soldier within a hundred leagues of France.

One day, in passing through a small village, I stopped at a house to get some water, and found a poor woman wringing her hands and weeping as though her heart would break. On inquiring the cause of her grief, she said : " Sir, they have just taken away my son to join the army, and I have already lost two of my children in the same way. Oh ! I shall never see him again ! " I offered the poor woman all the consolation I could. I told her I was a stranger, and had no right to interfere with the affairs of another nation, but at the same time, if she would keep quiet, I could assure her that there was no danger of losing her son—that the wars were nearly at an end, and that peace, in all human probability, would be concluded in a few weeks, when her son would be restored to her again. At these words the poor creature was completely overjoyed, and blessed me a thousand times. When I mounted my horse and rode off, I could not but reflect with indignation on what men call military glory ; but at the next moment I felt self-reproved, as I too commanded an armed vessel, and expected to go out in a few days to distress the enemies of my country. How strange and inconsistent is poor, short-sighted man, condemning others when committing the same offence for which he would denounce his neighbor.

The state of affairs in France daily grew worse and worse. Lord Wellington was following Marshal Soult day after day, towards Toulouse. We also received bad news from the north, that the Austrians and Prussians were daily advancing on Paris, and were then within twenty leagues of that city.

Under this state of things, I deemed it most prudent

ceed forthwith to La Teste, and get ready for sea as possible. La Teste was a poor, little village, badly supplied with articles necessary for ship

On my arrival there, I found no other ship or lying in the port, and no stone ballast ; I was more compelled to take in sand in my own boat, and up our water casks and take them on board also the same way. We had no biscuit on board, and

was but one baker of any consequence in the

I hastened to this important character, and to take all the bread he could make in two days, us, by hurrying and driving, I got ready for sea 11th of March. At the end of two days I called

baker for my supply of bread, when, to my great cation and disappointment, I could get only enough to fill two bags, and this, for a vessel to La Rochelle, with a crew of thirty-five in r, was certainly a very small allowance. It is had salt beef and pork enough on board, but no bles or rice

told me that the tide would suit at five o'clock in the afternoon, and if there should not be too much sea on the bar at that hour he would take the vessel out. Accordingly, at four o'clock, I requested him to get under way, and be ready to pass the bar at five. I now found he was unwilling to go out at all. He said: "Captain, if we should succeed in getting out, it would be impossible to land me." I then offered him double pilotage, told him I was fearful the English would come down in the morning and make a prize of my vessel, and that I would treble his pilotage, and pledge him my honor, that if I waited a week outside, I would land him in safety. At last my patience was exhausted; and I found the more I coaxed and strove to persuade him to go, the more obstinate he became. At length I said: "If you will not go to sea, pilot, just get the schooner under way, and go down below the fort, and anchor there within the bar." To this proposition he consented. While getting under way, I went below and put into my pocket a loaded pistol, and again returned on deck. We soon got below the fort, and it was five o'clock, precisely the hour he had named as the most suitable to pass out over the bar. I then placed the pistol to his ear, and told him to proceed to sea, or he was a dead man; and that if the schooner took the ground, his life should pay the forfeit. The poor fellow was terribly frightened, and said he would do his best; and in less than fifteen minutes from the time we filled away, we were fairly over and outside of this formidable bar. I then discharged the pistol, and assured the pilot I would do him no harm, and that I would wait a week, if it was necessary, for good weather to land him in safety. He now appeared more tranquil and composed, but could not refrain from talking occasion-

his poor wife and children, and seemed to have  
ing fear that I would carry him to America.  
ood off and on during the night, and in the morn-  
arch 14th, the wind was light off-shore, from the  
ard ; as the sea was smooth, I stood close in to the  
and got our boat ready to land the pilot. I sent  
several letters to my friends, and an order on  
signees, for a considerable sum over and above  
gular pilotage, notwithstanding I had compelled  
take my vessel to sea. At eight o'clock in the  
ag, my second officer, with four men, took Mr.  
on shore. I gave the officer of the boat positive  
to back the boat stern on to the shore, and let  
not jump out whenever he could do so with safety.  
a spy-glass, and had the pleasure to see the man  
and scamper up the beach. The boat soon return-  
l was hoisted on board, when we made sail and  
off in a N.W. direction.\* The wind was light  
ne eastward, and the weather fine and clear. Dur-  
night we had not much wind, and of course

their lee, they would laugh at their adversary. This manoeuvre however did not succeed, he only kept off four or six points, and I have no doubt he thought it impossible for me to elude his grasp. All this time I was losing ground, and the ship not more than two gun-shots to windward.

I held a short consultation with my officers on the subject of attempting to get to windward (which would involve our receiving a broadside), or of running off to leeward. They all thought it best to ply to windward, and receive his fire. I stated that we should have to pass him within pistol-shot, and the probability was that he would shoot away some of our spars, in which case we should inevitably be captured. I knew the schooner sailed very fast off the wind, and I thought the chance of escape better to run to leeward. I accordingly gave orders to get the square-sail and studding-sails all ready to run up at the same moment; and thus when every thing was prepared, the helm was put up, and every square-sail set in a moment.

The frigate, not dreaming of my running to leeward, was unprepared to chase off the wind, and I should think it was at least five minutes before she had a studding-sail set, so that I gained about a mile at the commencement of the chase. The wind was light from the E.N.E., and the weather very fine. I ordered holes to be bored in all the water-casks except four, and the water pumped into buckets to wet the sails; also, to throw overboard sand ballast, to lighten the schooner. After this was done, we began to draw away from the frigate, so that at noon, I had gained about eight or ten miles on the chase. At four in the afternoon he was nearly out of sight, and appeared like a speck on the water. We had now time to look into our own situation, when to my great regret,

of having four casks of water, the carpenter, in confusion, had only left two ; and as the wind freshened, found the schooner so light that it was unsafe to go on the wind.

Seafaring men will appreciate what was my unfortunate situation. Thus wide off to sea in the Bay of Biscay, a light vessel, with scarcely ballast enough to stand her bottom, with a crew of twenty-five men, and only a few casks of fresh water and a few loaves of soft bread.

The wind was light during the night, and towards morning it became almost calm. At daylight, to our great joy, we were in the midst of a small fleet of merchant ships. They had left England under convoy of a frigate and a sloop-of-war, and had separated in a gale a few days before I fell in with them. This little fleet was bound to St. Sebastian, and many of them were laden with provisions for the British army. The first captured was a brig, principally laden with provisions. After taking possession, I agreed with the captain that, if he would assist me with his boats and men

I showed him my commission from the government of the United States, authorizing me to take, burn, sink, or destroy our common enemy, and satisfied him that he was a lawful prize to my vessel. I then gave him a certificate, stating that though his brig was a lawful prize, I voluntarily gave her to him as a present. (This, of course, was only a-piece of tom-foolery, but it pleased the captain, and we parted good friends).

This was on the 16th of March, the day after my escape from the British frigate.

I had now got as much water and provisions as I wanted, and made sail for a ship and two brigs, a mile or two off on our lee beam. Although the wind was very light, I soon took all three of them, and made the same agreement with them as with the other captain, that if they would assist me with all their boats and men to load my schooner, with such part of their cargo as best suited me, I would let them go, otherwise I would send them into port as prizes, or destroy their vessels. This was a bitter pill, but they had the choice of two evils, and of course, complied with my request. We soon commenced taking out of these prizes all sorts of stores designed for the British army, viz., officer's and soldier's clothing, cocked hats, epaulettes, small arms, instruments of music, etc. Independent of these warlike stores, we also took a considerable quantity of English cloths, and various other articles of merchandise. A fresh breeze sprung up from the S.W., and the weather became dark and rainy, which rendered it difficult to continue transporting any more goods from the prizes to our schooner. At five o'clock in the afternoon, a large ship hove in sight to windward. From aloft, with a spy-glass, I clearly made her out to be the same frigate that had chased me the day before. I recognized her from



circumstance of her having a white jib ; all the  
were dark colored except this jib, which was  
ed.

of course cleared the decks, and got ready for  
trial of speed, but as my schooner was now in  
trim, and night coming on, I had no doubt of  
g him in the dark. He came rapidly down, within  
six miles of us, when I ran near my prizes, and  
d them all to hoist lanterns. None of them up to  
ne had seen the frigate, and thus, while the lan-  
showed their positions, I hauled off silently in the  
Very soon after this, I heard the frigate firing at  
fortunate countrymen, while we were partaking  
excellent supper at their expense.

next day, March 17th, it was dark and rainy,  
strong gales from the S.W. ; saw nothing. Stood  
northward, under easy sail, waiting for better  
r, to complete loading my little schooner with  
ing valuable from another prize.  
ould here remark, that small guns, six or nine-

*March 18th.*—Still a continuation of bad weather, with a strong gale to the westward. At four P. M., saw a frigate and a brig of war off my lee beam, distant about five miles. They made sail in chase, but under my three lower sails, mainsail, foresail, and jib, I had no fear of them. I showed my ensign for a few moments, and then plied to windward, making short tacks, and in a few hours they gave up the chase, when I again pursued my course to the northward, under easy sail. Next day, March 19th, the wind moderated, but still there was a very high sea, and unpleasant weather.

*March 20th.*—Moderate breezes from the westward, and unpleasant weather. This day I came to the conclusion to land myself somewhere on the coast of France, and to send my vessel home, under the command of my first officer, Mr. Samuel Nichols; and on examination of a chart of the coast, I concluded to run for l'Ile Dieu, and land there. Accordingly I shaped my course for the Island, and without meeting with any incident worth relating, made the land on the 23d of March, at four o'clock in the afternoon; at six ditto. landed on the Island in my own boat. It soon became dark, and I was obliged to remain on shore, with my boat's crew, all night.

I took with me my clearance and other papers from Bordeaux, with sundry newspapers, and was well received by the Governor and Commissary of Marine.

*March 24th.*—At six o'clock in the morning, although the weather was thick and rainy, and a strong breeze from the S.W., I sent my boat on board the schooner with a pilot, with orders to get the vessel into the roads, near the town, which is situated on the N.E. end of

the Island. At two o'clock in the afternoon, the schooner came directly off the town, close in within the fort, where with our own boat, we took on board six casks of fresh water, some fresh provisions, and sundry small stores. I then obtained liberty from the public authorities to dispatch my vessel to the United States.

At five o'clock in the afternoon of March 24th, 1814, I repaired on board in a shore boat, and wrote a few hasty letters to my friends in the United States. After making a short address to my officers and men, I resigned the command to Mr. Samuel Nichols, my first-lieutenant, and promoted my brother, Mr. Charles Coggeshall, who was second-lieutenant, to be first-lieutenant, directing them to proceed directly to the United States. At the same time, I requested the captain to fill the schooner with whatever valuable goods he should be enabled to take from the enemy on his return passage home. I then returned on shore, with a heavy heart at parting with my little band of brave and faithful followers.

The schooner was soon out of sight, as she stood round to the south end of the island. And here I should be doing injustice to the memory of these brave men, did I not give my feeble testimony to their good conduct, from the time we left Charleston until parting with them at l'Ile Dieu. I never saw one of them intoxicated in the slightest degree, nor did I ever see one of them ill-treat a prisoner, or attempt to plunder the smallest article. In a word, from the first-lieutenant to the smallest boy on board, they were faithful, good, and true men, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, were all born and bred in the United States.

After my schooner sailed, I had leisure to look at the island, which lies in latitude 46° 42' north, longitude

2° 27' west. It is five leagues from the continent, directly opposite St. Gilles, and is of a moderate height, about three miles long, and one and a half broad. It numbers about two thousand three hundred souls, and is principally supported by the fishing business. It is defended by a pretty strong fort at the mouth of the harbor, with a garrison of about three hundred men. Its produce is not sufficient for its own support; on the contrary, I was told by several of the inhabitants that it only yields about one quarter part of the breadstuffs that are consumed by its inhabitants. It has a snug little harbor, but only accessible to small vessels of a light draft of water. The principal town is rather pleasant, and many of the houses are commodious and well built.

This little island has become interesting from its historical association.

On the 1st of October, 1795, an English squadron brought here a Bourbon prince and several thousand French emigrants from England, to join the royal party of La Vendée; and after the fleet of men-of-war and transports had remained here until about the 15th of November, the army debarked at St. Gilles, when the fleet returned to England.\*

When I landed at l'Île Dieu, I took with me, as one of the boat's crew, the large black man, Philip. I was astonished to see the curiosity expressed here at the sight of a negro. He was followed at every step by a crowd of men, women, and children, all desirous to see a black man; and I soon received a pressing message from the Governor's lady to see him. I accordingly took Philip with me, and repaired to the residence of the Governor, where were assem-

\* See Thiers's History of the French Revolution.

bled all the first ladies of the island. They had a great many questions to ask about him, respecting the place of his birth, whether he was kind and good-natured, etc. When their curiosity was gratified, the fellow begged of me as a favor to be allowed to go on board, as he did not like to be exhibited as a show. This request I readily granted, telling the ladies and gentlemen that I had an Indian on board, and that I would send for him. The Indian came directly on shore, but, to my surprise, there appeared but little curiosity on the part of the inhabitants to see the savage. This island had been, as it were, shut out from the rest of the world for twenty-five or thirty years, with little or no commerce or communication with other nations, and it is therefore highly probable that very few of its inhabitants had ever seen a negro, and were, of course, eager to behold one.

*L'Île Dieu, March 25th, 1814.*—Throughout this day we had light winds from the westward, and clear, pleasant weather. I got a passport from the Commissary of Marine, and was now only waiting for a passage to St. Gilles.

*March 26th.*—Light winds from the southward, with rain during the whole day ; still waiting an opportunity to leave the island for the continent.

*March 27th.*—Throughout this day pleasant breezes from the N.N.E., and fine weather. At seven o'clock in the morning I embarked on board the *chasse-marée* *Mariana*, Captain Brumel, and after a pleasant passage of three hours, arrived safe at St. Gilles—a small seaport town on the west coast of France, lying in latitude 46° 40' North, longitude 1° 51' West. It is an inconsiderable place, and only navigable for small vessels.

At two o'clock in the afternoon I left this place, on

horseback, for Sables d'Olonne, at which place I arrived at six o'clock in the evening, and put up for the night. This is a pleasant little seaport town, about five leagues from St. Gilles.

*March 28th.*—Fresh breezes from the S.E., and cloudy weather throughout this day. At ten o'clock this morning, left this place with the courier, for Napoleon, where I arrived at three o'clock in the afternoon, having travelled seven leagues in a miserable vehicle.

Napoleon is a newly-built town, with several fine houses, and broad streets. I had now got upon the great public road, and after agreeing to pay sixty francs for my passage to La Rochelle, left Napoleon in the same vehicle, at five o'clock in the afternoon. At eight o'clock in the evening, we arrived at the small village of Maria, and, after having traveled about five leagues, put up here for the night.

*March 29th.*—We left Maria at five o'clock in the morning, and traveled on the great public road. We passed through Lucan, and several other towns and villages, and arrived at La Rochelle (eighteen leagues from Napoleon), at five o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.

Here I put up at the Hotel des Ambassadeurs, where I was delighted to meet with many of my countrymen, and once more to hear the sweet sound of my native language. It was at this place that I became acquainted with Captain Maffet of the brig Rattlesnake. He had recently arrived from his northern cruise, and had made many captures. He informed me that not long before he came into this port, he captured the British transport-ship Mary, from Sicily bound to England, with some French prisoners on board. There were also several English Army officers and soldiers, sent to guard them.

The Mary had several carriage guns, with musketry, etc. The Captain of the transport sustained an action with the Rattlesnake for about twenty minutes, when himself and two seamen being killed, and three others wounded, the ship struck her colors, and was ordered into a port in France.

The Rattlesnake had not a man killed, and but one wounded. That was his marine officer, a handsome young man belonging to New York, who was shot in one of his legs. He was here taken to the hospital. He had the best medical aid, and was tenderly nursed by the Sisters of Charity.

He was advised by surgical men to have the limb amputated, and was warned of the danger of delay. He would not consent, however, to the operation, giving as a reason that it would spoil his dancing. The good Sisters, seeing the young man daily become weaker and weaker, were extremely anxious that he should become a Christian, (meaning a Catholic).

To gratify them, he consented, at least in appearance. They were rejoiced, thinking no doubt, they had been the means of saving the soul of a heretic.

The poor fellow lingered a few weeks and died. He was followed to the grave by all the Americans in the place.

I subsequently learned, that Captain Maffet's prize-ship Mary, was recaptured, and sent to England. I saw it stated afterwards in the English papers, that the officers on board the Mary on their arrival in England, greatly extolled the generous conduct of Captain Maffet, in giving them all their personal property. Also, for his kind and humane treatment of them, and of all his other prisoners.

At this period there were lying in this port three

American vessels beside the Rattlesnake, viz., the letter-of-marque brig *Ida*, of Boston, the schooner *Decatur*, of Philadelphia, and a merchant brig belonging to New York, laid up here during the war.

There was lying in La Rochelle roads an English fleet, commanded by Admiral Lord Keith, in the *Queen Charlotte*. Beside the Admiral's ship, there were four other line-of-battle ships, several frigates, and sundry brigs and schooners-of-war. The brigs and schooners were anchored close in at the mouth of the harbor, to blockade the Americans, and also to prevent any vessel from going in or coming out of the port.

For several days after my arrival at La Rochelle we were without news from Paris, as all communication had been cut off, and not a diligence was allowed to run on the road between the two cities. The town was placed in a very anxious state of suspense. Everybody knew that the allied armies were in the neighborhood of Paris, and no one dared to speak a syllable on the subject. At this time the military officers were seen conversing with each other in small groups, and appeared to be the only men that the government could rely upon. At length, on the 2nd of April, 1814, news arrived in town that Paris had been taken by the allied armies on the 30th ultimo. The next day official orders arrived from that city proclaiming the change of government. In the capitulation, Bonaparte was sent to Elba, and Louis XVIII. acknowledged King of France.

In a few minutes some one mounted a white cockade, and very soon after it became general; and now it was "Vive le roi!" "Vive Louis XVIII.!" Although at that time I was no friend of the emperor, I was absolutely disgusted with several poor devils who, a few



before this great event, had extolled "Le Grand  
eur" up to the skies, and now turned against  
and called him "Le Prince des Tyrants!"  
application does not apply at all to the military,  
the respectable part of the inhabitants, but to  
hotel keepers and other mean-spirited turncoats,  
s infest every part of the globe.

Chasse-Marée, that I chartered in Bordeaux to  
to this place 100 casks of wine and 50 pipes of  
I found lying here waiting orders with respect  
disposition.

Ida was a fine coppered brig of 272 tons burden,  
ing eight long nine and twelve-pounders, with a  
ment of thirty-five men. She was in ballast, and  
ed freight. I soon struck a bargain with Captain  
to take the wine and brandy at a low freight,  
ston—say at \$45 per ton.

the morning of the 8th of April, Captain Maffet,  
Rattlesnake, Captain Mantor, in the Ida, and  
n Brown in the Commodore Decatur, all sailed

ter to place them here than to leave them to a later date.

*“ Captain Jeremiah Mantor, formerly of the brig Ida, of Boston :*

“ DEAR SIR : Upon the score of old acquaintance, I herewith take the liberty of writing to you on the subject of the scenes through which we passed in our late war with England, in the years 1812, 1813, and 1814. I have been for several months writing a narrative of all the voyages I ever made, namely, from the year 1798, until I retired from the sea, in 1841.

“ Now, my dear sir, you doubtless recollect that I commanded the letter-of-marque schooner David Porter, of New York, and that after I sent my vessel home from off l’Ile Dieu, coast of France, I went on to La Rochelle, where we met on the 29th of March, 1814 ; and you will also recollect that I shipped by you in the brig Ida, 100 casks of wine and 50 pipes of brandy for Boston. I had no insurance on this property, and was, of course, extremely anxious for your safety. I recollect that you sailed from La Rochelle on the morning of the 8th of April, in company with the privateer brig Rattlesnake, Captain Maffet, of Philadelphia, and the letter-of-marque schooner Commodore Decatur, Captain Brown, also of Philadelphia, and that you all three ran down between l’Ile de Ré and the main-land, and in that passage you met an English man-of-war brig with a schooner in company, sent there to guard and block up the passage, and that you were all driven back. The Rattlesnake and Commodore Decatur returned into port again, and off the east end of l’Ile de Ré you squared away and dashed down the south side of the island, and had to pass through the British fleet. At that time

lay at anchor in the roads off La Rochelle the Charlotte, and four ships of the line. I understand that one of these line-of-battle ships slipped her anchor and made sail in pursuit of your brig. Although at the time of your sailing standing on the quay at La Rochelle, I still have but an imperfect idea of all that has passed. And now, my dear sir, you would do me a great favor by giving me a detailed account of all you can collect of your marvellous escape—namely, the particulars of your passage home, the number of shot fired during the chase, and whether they threw more than one shot on board of your brig, and any other information you can call to mind, will be gratefully received. Your bravery and good conduct in evading the close pursuit of so many ships-of-war, ought to be published to the world. You certainly out-manceuvred and out-gallanted them all, and I am satisfied that your prompt decision and gallant conduct saved the whole of the property entrusted to you.

With this and many other kind favors, I remain your

The voyage you speak of is well remembered. It would not be possible, after the lapse of so many years, for me to give you a correct account of *all* my voyages during the late war, but I will write you the particulars of that passage home, and you can make what use of it you think proper.

I left La Rochelle in company with the Rattlesnake and Commodore Decatur, and run out north of l'Ile de Ré, with a fair wind. Saw two men-of-war ahead, hauled our wind and stood back to the east end of l'Ile de Ré. I saw there was a risk in returning again into port, and might be taken there ; so I determined at once to make a bold push, discharged my pilot, and made all sail to pass the south end of the Island. I saw in a moment several of the men-of-war under way upon my lee quarter. I was looking out for ships ahead, and as I opened the Island, a schooner came down on my starboard side within musket-shot ; she gave me a broadside and three cheers, shot away my studding-sail boom and main-stay, and some small rigging. I soon passed her, but the men-of-war were coming up under my lee, and the shot flew thick.

I soon saw another ship bearing down upon my starboard side. There was but one way to escape, which was, up helm, and bring all astern, or sink ; this was quickly done, and we crossed the bows of the head ship so near that I could hear them halloo on board plainly.

The shot went most of it over me : one thirty-two pounder raked my deck and lodged in the bows, one cut my anchor off the bows and cut the chains at the same moment. I cut the cable and let the anchor go. My crew were on the other side of the deck, and in the hold heaving out ballast, which saved many lives.

vessels continued the chase until eleven at night, that I saw no more of them. I think there was as much as eight or ten in pursuit of me. I stood out to sea, and at daylight saw two frigates right ahead, and at that time to haul upon the wind, not knowing but that it should upset, as I had lightened the brig so much by having thrown overboard six nine-pounders the night, and soon found her ready for another

mark I had gained four or five miles upon them; she was on my lee quarter, and the other astern. I was driven into the bay, and dare not risk to get before the

at nine P.M. the shutter of the binnacle fell, and I lost my light. They made signals one to the other, and that showed me where they were. I immediately stood before the wind, and at daylight saw them hull

I now had once more the wide ocean, but my light was light, which made my passage rather long. I was twenty-six days.

into port, these two vessels were watched and blockaded with more vigilance than ever. The English men-of-war anchored nearer the port, while a brig and a schooner were almost constantly within gun-shot of the harbor. Tranquillity having been restored in Paris, all the wheels of government began to move in a more regular train ; the mails and diligences commenced running throughout the kingdom as formerly.

In a few days I settled all my business, and left this place in the diligence for Bordeaux, on the 12th of April, 1814, passing through Rochefort and several other towns lying on the great public road, and on the 14th, two days after leaving La Rochelle, I once more had the pleasure to return in safety to Bordeaux. Here I found every thing tranquil, and although the city was in the hands of the English, there was no noise or confusion.

The theatres were all open as usual, and well supported. In lieu of seeing French troops and sentinels about the town, there were English and Portuguese soldiers stationed at every military post.

I found my business had been well managed by my good friends Messrs. Brun frères ; a portion of my freight had been collected, and every thing was in a successful train. The English had thus far, respected private persons and private property.

There were no American vessels here ; nearly all of them had left this country. There were a few however in the northern ports, namely, three blockaded at La Rochelle as before stated. The letter-of-marque schooner Kemp, Captain Jacobs of Baltimore, was lying at Nantes, and the schooners Lion and Spencer at L'Orient. These were about all the American vessels left in the Western ports of France. There were several American

men, supercargoes, at Bordeaux and La Rochelle, an opportunity to return home to the United States.

Nearly all the American captains and supercargoes at this time in France were well known to each other and were upon very friendly terms. I found here, from all parts of the world, that mutual interest and sympathy draw men closely together.\* We were using various means to get home, some going to America in neutral vessels, others taking passage in letter-of-marque, and some few in ships-of-war.

A few days before I arrived at Bordeaux, on the 10th of July, there was a terrible battle fought between the French and English armies at Toulouse. The French army was commanded by Marshal Soult, and the English by Lord Wellington. This was a most sanguinary battle.

Although the English were victorious, they killed and wounded, about five thousand men, and the French about three thousand. I saw great numbers of English officers who were brought down to Bordeaux sadly maimed, some with the loss of their arms and legs.

road along the sea-coast, and arrived in two days at La Rochelle. Here I found the Rattlesnake and Commodore Decatur still blockaded, and, as it appeared altogether uncertain when they would be able to get to sea, after remaining here a fortnight, I concluded to proceed to Nantes. I accordingly left La Rochelle on the 10th of May; travelled on the grand route, and passing through Morcilles, Napoleon, and several towns and villages, arrived at Nantes on the 11th of May. The distance from La Rochelle to this place is 100 miles. I stopped at the Hôtel de France for a few days, and then took private lodgings with Captain Jacobs, of the letter-of-marque schooner Kemp, of Baltimore. His schooner was anchored at Paimbœuf, near the mouth of the river Loire, about thirty miles below Nantes. I made frequent excursions with Captain Jacobs down to Paimbœuf, and found the river very shallow and full of flats and sand bars, and very difficult to ascend except for small vessels. There is, however, water enough at the port of Paimbœuf, and the anchorage is good and safe. The shores and meadows along the river in the summer season are beautiful. The grounds are highly cultivated, and the houses and cottages are neat and pretty. Nantes is a fine old city, lying in lat.  $47^{\circ} 13' N.$ , long.  $1^{\circ} 33' W.$ , about 210 miles in a direct line S.W. of Paris. By Orleans, Blois, Tours and other towns on the Loire, the distance is about 300 miles. It is generally well built, and has a great many public squares. The quays along the river are very fine, and shaded by rows of large elm trees, which render them delightful promenades. Nantes was formerly one of the largest, if not the largest, commercial town in France, and is still a place of considerable importance in a commercial point of view. It numbers from one hundred and eighty to two hundred thou-



habitants, and is, in my opinion, the most moral of its size in the kingdom. Provisions are cheap, and every thing into consideration, it is a very desirable residence, and strangers in pursuit of health and comfortable living, will find themselves quiet and comfortable in this highly favored place. At the time I was in this town, there appeared to be about three women to one man; the male population had been taken off in great numbers for the last twenty years, to fill the armies of France, which of course left a very disproportionate proportion of females.

I came on here for the purpose of obtaining a passage to the United States; but in this I was disappointed: there were no other American vessels here but the *Albatross*, and she was preparing to return home as a cruising vessel—that is to say, to pick up a cargo from the ocean, if possible, and perhaps make a prize or two, if fortunate enough to meet with such. This mode of cruising, though pleasant enough as a captain did not meet my

On the 9th of August I received the account sales of my cottons, with a statement of what was due me, and also the balance due for freight, all of which was now settled to my entire satisfaction. I forthwith remitted to my owners in New York, in sundry bills of exchange, \$8,692, besides leaving a large balance in the hands of my worthy friends, Messrs. Brun frères. I am happy to say, I surmounted one difficulty after another, until things began to wear a brighter aspect; and as I was unable to obtain a passage from any of the ports on the western coast, I decided to go up to Paris and spend a few weeks, and try to get a passage home from some of the northern ports of France.

Before leaving this place, it would be ungrateful in me not to speak of the kind hospitality I received in this town; even amidst war and confusion, the rites of hospitality are here never forgotten. The kind treatment to strangers by the inhabitants of Bordeaux is proverbial, and needs no repetition from me. Still, I am happy to bear my feeble testimony, and time will never efface from my memory the happy days I have spent in this delightful city.

On the 15th of August, I left Bordeaux in the diligence for the capital. We passed through Angoulême, Poitiers, Tours, and along the pleasant banks of the Loire to Blois, Orleans, and from thence to Paris. The time occupied in performing this journey was five days, and the distance 130 post leagues, and the whole expense, including the fee to the conductor, postillion, servants, etc., etc., was 196 francs. I put up at the Hôtel Strasbourg, in the Rue Notre Dame des Victoires. We got into the vicinity of this magnificent city just before the dawn of day. A young American friend was my travelling companion, and we were at daylight on the

re to catch the first glimpse of this vast metropolis. Just as the sun was rising we ascended a hill, behold! the famed city of Paris was in full view. Among the many objects of admiration that caught the eye, the dome of the Hôtel des Invalides was the most conspicuous; it was newly gilded, and when the sun shone upon this splendid object, the effect was truly enchanting. I was young and enthusiastic at that time, and shall never forget the impression made on my mind by my first view of this astonishing city.

It was absolutely like transporting one to another world.

I had read its history from my boyish days, and for the first time, beheld it in all its magnificence. At that time I have visited many parts of the globe, even down to this date, 1856, I have never met its equal.

London, certainly, covers a greater space, and almost double the number of inhabitants; still, there never was, nor ever will be, but one Paris.

Immediately on my arrival in Paris, I wrote the following letter to the several owners of the *David Porter*:

ble to obtain a passage in the John Adams on any terms. How, or in what way, I shall get home, I am not able to say, but assure you I shall embrace the first opportunity. It was not until the 9th instant that I got my business settled with Brun frères. Enclosed I send you one set of bills of exchange, amounting, together, to \$8,691, all of which, I trust, will be paid, without any difficulty ; if they are not, the persons from whom I bought them are fully able to pay them, should they be returned. I enclose you, also, account sales of our cotton. Independent of what I now remit you, I have left in the hands of Messrs. Brun frères about 40,000 francs. What I now remit you, with what I have left in the hands of Brun frères, all belongs to the joint concern of the owners of the David Porter, when the voyage is settled, except a small sum due to my officers.

As you may suppose, I am very much fatigued after so long a journey ; but for fear my letter will not be in time to go by the John Adams, I am obliged to write this in haste, which I hope you will receive as an apology for my not writing more particularly.

I hope before long to find a passage home some way or other, when I trust I shall have the pleasure to explain every thing to your satisfaction.

As I am too late to write any of my friends by this opportunity, please advise them of the substance of this letter, and oblige

Your obedient servant,

GEORGE COGGESHALL.

After having delivered several letters of introduction from my friend in Bordeaux, I occupied myself for some days attending to commercial business, and among other things, purchased five thousand francs worth of French

shawls, silk stockings, etc. These articles were all  
ly packed and dispatched to Bordeaux, to be ship-  
by the first fast-sailing American schooner that  
l leave that place for the United States. When  
as accomplished, I commenced visiting the various  
ms, libraries, public gardens, palaces, etc. It being  
season of the year, I also made excursions to St.  
Versailles, St. Germain, St. Denis, and other  
in the neighborhood of the metropolis.  
ere are in this great city so many objects of curi-  
that a stranger may spend several months with  
are and profit in visiting them.

day before I left Paris, I wrote the following

PARIS, *September 8th*, 1814.

*s. Archibald Gracie & Sons :*

GENTLEMEN :—I send you inclosed a bill of exchange  
91, on James Williams, Esq., of Baltimore. This

takes none but prisoners. I shall, therefore, leave here to-morrow morning for Bordeaux, and endeavor to get a passage to Amelia Island, or the West Indies, and from thence home, when I hope I shall have the pleasure to explain everything relating to your shipment to your satisfaction.

I am, gentlemen, with respect and regard,  
Your obedient servant,

GEORGE COGGESHALL.

P. S. I wrote by the schooner Commodore Decatur, brig Rattlesnake, and Commodore Perry, which letters I fear you have never received, as it is here reported that all those vessels have been captured.

Yours truly,

G. C.

At this period there was but a small number of American gentlemen in Paris, consequently they were generally known to each other.

The Ambassador from the United States, residing here, was the Hon. Wm. H. Crawford. He was highly respected and esteemed by the Americans, and seemed to take pleasure in acts of kindness and benevolence to his countrymen. From a turbulent state of war and confusion, Paris had lately become quiet and tranquil. Louis XVIII., and other members of the royal family, used almost daily to show themselves from the balcony of the Tuileries, and I frequently saw the Duke and Duchess of Angoulême riding on horseback in various parts of the city.

The theatres and all public places of amusement were open, and appeared to be well patronized and supported.

were vast numbers of strangers here from different parts of Europe, and every body seemed to be in pursuit of treasure.

After having spent twenty days amidst these gay scenes, I left Paris on the 9th of September, 1814, in disguise, and returned by the same route by which I came up, passing through Orleans and down along the banks of the Loire, and so on to Bordeaux, where I arrived on the 13th of September, without accident.

I found many kind friends in this city, and returned to it with pleasure, but found those from America were daily increasing; some returning home in neutral ships, by the way of the West Indies and Amelia Island; others going to America to take passage from that country. My friend R. Stewart, Esq., of Philadelphia, after waiting several months for a passage to the United States, came to this place for L'Orient, in hopes of getting a passage from that city to the United States with Capt. Stewart, in the Wasp. This ship after having captured the British sloop-of-war Reindeer, put into L'Orient for

Mr. Stewart joined the marine corps, as a volunteer, and thus assisted under the brave Blakely to vanquish the enemies of his country.

About the middle of September, the Wasp took and destroyed two British brigs ; and on the 21st of the same month, in latitude  $33^{\circ} 12'$  North, longitude  $14^{\circ} 56'$  West, she captured the British armed brig *Atalanta*. This being a valuable prize, Captain Blakely determined to send her into port. He put on board of her as prize-master, Midshipman Geisinger, and a prize-crew. In this brig, Mr. Stewart went as passenger. She arrived safely at Savannah on the 14th of November, 1814. These two gentlemen and the prize-crew are all that escaped from the ever-to-be-lamented Wasp and her gallant crew. I take pleasure in stating these facts, that the patriotic conduct of my friend may be known to the world, as I have never seen his name mentioned in connection with the ill-fated Wasp (in any official account), and I deem it but a matter of common justice to record my knowledge of these facts. There were very many patriotic individuals during our late war with England who rendered essential service to their country and are entitled to its gratitude, whose acts, I am sorry to say, are almost entirely unknown ; for instance, my worthy friends Mantor, of the *Ida*, and Stewart, who was a volunteer on board the victorious Wasp.

While in Bordeaux, I heard the gratifying news of the safe arrival of the schooner *David Porter*, at Gloucester, Cape Ann, and also of the arrival of the brig *Ida*, at Boston. After I left the *David Porter*, at l'Ile Dieu, under the command of Mr. Nichols, he captured on his passage home several British prizes, from which vessels he loaded the schooner, and carried with him into port ten prisoners. Soon after his arrival at Cape Ann, he



ded with the David Porter to Boston, at which the vessel and cargo were consigned to the respect-  
house of Messrs. Munson & Barnard, at that place.  
gentlemen sold both vessel and cargo at high  
They also sold the brandy and wine, by the brig  
a very good profit, and closed the whole concern  
entire satisfaction of all parties. I think the  
er sold for \$10,000, and was soon fitted out as a  
r privateer, and I believe was afterwards very  
successful.

rs. Munson and Barnard also received from the  
ment of the United States, \$1,000 as a bounty  
ten prisoners.

trunk of goods which I purchased in Paris for  
franes, or say \$1,000, was shipped by my friends  
deaux, on board the Baltimore schooner Transit,  
n Richardson. This vessel arrived in New York  
about the 8th of March, 1815, and this trunk of  
sold at auction for \$2,075.

BORDEAUX Oct. 1st 1814

BORDEAUX, *Oct. 21st.*, 1814.

DEAR CHARLES :—I am now on the eve of leaving this place for L'Orient, to take command of the elegant American schooner *Leo*. I have been waiting several months to obtain a passage home to the United States, and have consented to take charge of this schooner, to proceed from France to Charleston or some other southern port.

Your cotton netted 903 francs. The account sales I have sent to Messrs. Lawrence and Whitney, and desired them to pay you the amount, together with the gain on the exchange, which is about 10 per cent.

You may, perhaps, ask why I did not invest the amount in French goods, that you might have gained a larger profit. I answer that I did not feel myself authorized to hazard your property without your consent, the risk of capture being in my opinion very great.

I was very happy to hear of your safe arrival in the *David Porter*. Both Captain Nichols and yourself, and in fact, all the officers and men deserve a great deal of praise, and I do assure you I shall never forget your faithful and very friendly conduct during the whole voyage. Yes, Charles, although I sometimes scold a little when we are together, I need not tell you how dear you are to me, and that your faithful and brave conduct has entirely won my heart. I hope you will study navigation, and improve your mind by reading while you remain at home, and thus qualify yourself to command a ship when the war is ended. Should the enemy dare to molest the part of the country where you may be, I hope and trust you will be among the first to drive them into the sea. Our father fought them in 1775, before he was as old as you are, and I hope he has not

on who would not defend his country, if necessary,  
his heart's blood.

I hear nothing from America but degrading defeats  
losses of every kind. Washington City burnt,  
emies on the frontiers beaten in one place or  
r, and every thing appears to be going to the  
If things go on no better, I shall be ashamed to  
pledge myself an American.

I will write to mother and sister by the same vessel  
conveys this to you.

Remember me affectionately to our brothers James  
Francis, and believe me, my dear Charles,

Your sincere friend and brother,

GEORGE COGGESHALL.

## CHAPTER VII.

CRUISES OF THE SCOURGE AND RATTLESNAKE—THEY TAKE NUMEROUS PRIZES—FRIGATE PRESIDENT, COMMODORE RODGERS, CRUISING OFF THE NORTH CAPE—DRONTHEIM, IN NORWAY—THE RATTLESNAKE ARRIVES AT LA ROCHELLE—THE SAUCY JACK CAPTURES THE SHIP PELHAM, AND TAKES HER TO CHARLESTON—THE GRAND TURK CAPTURES THE INDIAN LASS, AND SENDS HER TO SALEM—CRUISE OF THE PRIVATEER FERRY, OF BALTIMORE—DESPERATE BATTLE BETWEEN THE NEUFCHATEL PRIVATEER AND THE BOATS OF A BRITISH MAN-OF-WAR OFF NANTUCKET—THE PRIVATEER HARPY, OF BALTIMORE, CAPTURES THE BRITISH PACKET PRINCESS ELIZABETH—THE PRIVATEER SABINE, OF BALTIMORE, CAPTURES THE BRITISH SHIP COUNTESS OF HARCOURT—CAPTURE OF THE NEW FREDERICK BY THE PRIVATEER KEMP—NARROW ESCAPE OF THE PRIVATEER FOX FROM A BRITISH SHIP-OF-WAR—THE PRIVATEER CAROLINE, OF BALTIMORE, CAPTURES THE BRITISH BRIG ELIZABETH, AND SENDS HER TO CHARLESTON—CAPTURE OF A SCHOONER BY THE KEMP OF BALTIMORE—THE SCHOONER'S ARRIVAL AT CAPE FRANCOIS.

SUCCESSFUL CRUISES MADE BY THE PRIVATEERS SCOURGE AND RATTLESNAKE, OFF THE NORTH CAPE, AND COAST OF NORWAY.

The privateers Scourge and Rattlesnake appear to merit something more than a passing remark. As they were often in company in a distant sea, on the same cruising ground, and as they were very fortunate in capturing and annoying the enemy's trade and commerce, I shall devote a separate notice to them as their just due.

Though the worthy captains of both these vessels have passed away from earthly scenes, I hope their acts and deeds in their country's service will ever be appreciated, while bravery and patriotism are held in high regard by civilized nations.

The Rattlesnake belonged to Philadelphia, and was commanded by Capt. David Maffet, an excellent seaman, and a brave, honorable man.

Captain Maffet commanded a privateer from the com-

ment of the war to its termination, and was always active and vigilant. In the early part of the war, he commanded the *Atlas*, and I think one other (of this, however, I am not sure), until he took command of the *Snake*, in 1813.

She was a fine fast-sailing brig, carrying 14 guns, and was well equipped, and well supplied with able officers and men.

After leaving the United States Captain Maffet proceeded to cruise off the North coast of England, and thence to the coast of Norway, where having made many valuable prizes, and inflicted much injury upon the commerce, he put into La Rochelle about the middle of March, 1814, to refresh his officers and crew, and refit for another cruise.

The *Scourge* was owned in New York, and commanded by Captain Samuel Nicoll, a native of Stratford, Connecticut. He was a worthy, intelligent, enterprising man, and a good patriot.

The *Scourge* was a large schooner privateer, mount-

pearing more frequently in the public journals at that period.

On the 19th of July, while Captain Nicoll was off the North Cape, in the *Scourge*, he fell in with and cruised for several days in company with Commodore Rodgers, in the United States frigate *President*, who was then cruising in those high northern latitudes.

After Commodore Rodgers left that region for a more southerly one, the *Scourge* proceeded off the coast of Norway, and alternately off the North Cape, to intercept British ships sailing to and from Archangel.

The following list comprises a portion, but by no means all the prizes captured by the *Scourge* and *Rattlesnake*. A great number were sent into the different ports in the United States and Norway, particularly into the harbor of Drontheim, and many others were disposed of in various ways.

"The winds and seas are Britain's wide domain,  
And not a sail, but by permission spreads."

*British Naval Register.*

British bark *Concord*, West, 187 tons, and two guns, from London for Archangel, in ballast.

Ship *Liberty*, Sugden, 253 tons, and 8 guns, from Liverpool for the same place, in ballast.

Brig *Jolly Bachelor*, Struthon, of 119 tons, from Archangel, laden with tar, bound for Aberdeen.

Brig *Ruby*, of 4 guns, 138 tons, taken by the *Rattlesnake*.

*Hartford*, 260 tons, from London, and *Sutherland*, for Archangel, in ballast, by the *Rattlesnake*.

Brig *Brunswick*, Lewis, 249 tons, 4 guns, from Dublin for the same port, taken by the *Rattlesnake*.

*Latona*, of Shields, by the *Scourge*.

*Experiment*, of Aberdeen, by the *Scourge*.

s Nottingham, 266 tons and 4 guns, and Britan-  
guns, both from Onega, Russia, for Hull, cargoes  
; after an action of fifteen minutes—no lives  
aken by the Scourge.

perous, 260 tons and 4 guns, in ballast, from  
stle ; given up to dispose of the prisoners, by  
ourge.

Brutus, taken by the Scourge and Rattlesnake ;  
up to dispose of the prisoners.

moreland, from London, partly laden with  
; taken by the Scourge.

Brothers, of 126 tons, from Lancaster ; by the  
e.

Betsey, 186 tons and 4 guns ; by the Rattle-

Pax, of 200 tons ; by the Rattlesnake.

ot Perseverance, 167 tons and 4 guns ; by the  
snake.

p Fame, 94 tons ; by the Rattlesnake.

Burton, Ludlin, of 266 tons, and 4 guns, from

The Scourge arrived in Drontheim in company with the Rattlesnake, after having captured the above vessels.

The aggregate tonnage of these vessels, sent into Norway, amounted to 4,505 tons, numbering 60 guns.

At Drontheim, the Scourge was refitted, and rigged into a brig, for a new cruise, under the command of Captain J. R. Perry. Captain Nicoll remained in Drontheim to look after the prizes.

Here follows a continuation of prizes made by the Scourge, and other incidents relating to the privateer schooner Fox, Brown commander.

The Scourge sailed from Drontheim on the 10th March, and on the 1st of April, off Cape Wrath, captured the British ship Symetry, a fine vessel, from Liverpool, 350 tons, coppered, laden with salt, crates, hardware, etc. ; in company with ship Winchester, of 400 tons, from the same place, laden with salt, crates, porter, etc. ; and brig Union, 200 tons, from the same port, cargo, tobacco ; all bound to Long Hope, for convoy : burnt all of them. Same day, boarded a Swedish ship from Liverpool, and put part of the prisoners on board of her.

British bark Brothers, 260 tons, from Liverpool for Long Hope, cargo salt, etc. ; and manned her for the United States. Next day, captured a sloop from London ; put on board a number of prisoners, and gave her up. 7th.—Chased a Greenland whale ship, and fired ten broadsides at her, which appeared to cut her up considerably. A sloop-of-war in chase, close in shore on the coast of Scotland, was obliged to give up the pursuit, and haul off to get clear of a shoal. The sloop continued the chase six hours. In the chase, the Scourge sprung her fore-topmast badly.

About the 17th of April, carried away both top-



blowing no more than a good breeze), by which  
one man was killed and three wounded.

At the 22nd, lat.  $50^{\circ}$  N., lon.  $30^{\circ}$  W., captured  
British ship *Caledonia*, 300 tons, from Greenock for  
Scotia, in ballast; put on board twenty-six prison-  
ers and gave her up. A few days after, captured a brig  
from Dublin for Quebec, with salt, etc.; sunk her. Same  
captured a brig from St. Johns, N. B., for Liver-  
pool, cargo lumber, etc., having on board a number of  
men and children, passengers; took out some rig-  
ging, etc.; put ten prisoners on board, and gave

May 1st, lat.  $47^{\circ}$ , lon.  $32^{\circ}$ , captured a brig  
from Dublin for N. F., cargo cordage, duck, fishing  
gear, etc.; ordered her for the United State. 9th, lat.  
lon.  $44^{\circ}$  W., boarded the privateer schooner *Fox*,  
forty days from Portsmouth, who had made four  
destroyed two, and ordered two into port. She

taken ten guns overboard while being chased by a  
She had chased a disguised sloop-of-war, and  
discovered the mistake until close aboard her.

Brig Belfield, from Quebec for London; also destroyed.

During this cruise, the Scourge made 420 prisoners, and arrived at Chatham, Cape Cod, in May, after having been absent from the United States about a year. This vessel was very appropriately named, for she was, in truth, a severe scourge to the enemy. She inflicted a chastisement upon the commerce of Great Britain that will cause her name to be remembered for several generations.

#### PRIZES CAPTURED BY PRIVATEERS.

British brig Brothers, captured by the ship America, of Salem, and sent into Fontarabia, a port in Spain, and there sold, by the consent of the government.

The privateer Caroline, of Baltimore, captured the English brig Elizabeth, for Kingston, (Jamaica,) and sent her into Charleston. Though the Elizabeth was nominally in ballast, she had on board a quantity of British goods, which were removed to the privateer, and taken by her into Charleston. She has recently sailed on a second cruise.

The ship Annette Catharine, said to be a Swedish vessel, cleared out at Boston, in ballast for the West Indies, but found to have had on board a cargo of provisions. She was captured by the Saucy Jack, and sent into Charleston.

The Saucy Jack also captured the British schooner Nimble, laden with log-wood, and sent her into Beaufort.

The Caroline captured the schooner Jason, of Nassau, N. P., divested her of her cargo, and set her on fire.

Schooner —, with dry-goods and other valuable articles, captured by the Kemp, of Baltimore, and car-

to Cape Francois, where the prize and her cargo  
disposed of.

Prisoner Trinitaria, sent into Savannah by the Saucy  
of Charleston.

valuable British vessels, captured by the priva-  
ince of Neufchâtel (belonging to New York), on  
my's coast ; they were sent into France, or de-

vessels captured by the Comet, of Baltimore, in  
st Indies, divested of their valuable articles and  
ed.

vessels captured by the same, and ransomed in

vessels captured by the same, and sent into  
Carolina. The privateer arrived at Newbern,

Apollo, 250 tons, 6 guns, of Poole, England,  
with 1.000 hhds. of salt, sent into Salem by the  
a, of that port.

Also captured by ditto, and given up to release

Schooner Hope, from St. Andrews for Barbadoes, laden with lumber, beef, oil, etc., captured by the America, of Salem, and burnt.

Schooner Sylph, of Liverpool, N. S., laden with fish, oil, etc., captured by ditto, and burnt.

The America took twelve prizes in all, several of which were very valuable. She had arrived at Salem, with fifty prisoners on board. She had also 40 packages of dry-goods, and some other articles taken from her prizes, several of which are yet to be heard of. This was the third cruise of this truly fortunate vessel. She has captured in the whole 26 prizes; and the property taken and safely got into port amounts to about \$1,100,000.

Schooner Eclipse, laden with salt, captured by the Wasp, of Philadelphia, but lost on Rockaway beach, Long Island.

Schooner Cobham, of Bermuda, sent into Wilmington, N. C., by the Jonquilla, of New York.

Brig Louisa, laden with oil and fish, sent into Elizabeth City, Va., by the Kemp, of Baltimore, ship Hebe, from Halifax for Bermuda, with coal, lumber, etc., captured by the Surprise, of Baltimore, the third day after she left the Chesapeake, and sent into a southern port.

Brig Nimble, with a cargo of West India produce, captured by the Invincible, letter-of-marque, and sent into Teneriffe, where, as the vessel was not sea-worthy, the cargo was sold.

Brig Ceres, in ballast, captured in the Bay of Biscay by the Grampus, of Baltimore, from Bordeaux, on her way home, and burnt.

Schooner —, laden with 70 hhds. of sugar, captured off Martinique, and sent into New Bedford by the Saratoga, of New York.

oner Friends' Adventure, laden with 60 hhds. of  
8 hhds. of molasses, 13 hhds. of sugar, captured  
Fox, of Portsmouth, and sent into Wiscasset.

Fanny, of London, laden with fish, captured by  
ter-of-marque ship Galloway, of New York, on  
sage from France, and sent into Nantes.

——, laden with lumber, captured by the Fox.  
smouth, and burnt.

oner Kentish, with a full cargo of sugar, sent into  
aven by the Saratoga.

oner Prince Regent, 10 guns, captured by the  
ple, of N. Y. ; divested of her armament, etc.,  
ven up. Cutter Lyon, with dry-goods, hard-  
etc., captured by the same ; divested of the  
valuable part of her goods, and given up. Brig  
, 8 guns, captured by the same ; divested of her  
e goods, and given up. Brig Conway, 10 guns,  
cargo of dry-goods, captured by the same ; took  
trunks, 35 cases, and 23 bales ; she was manned,

coppered, from Liverpool for Buenos Ayres, laden with 300 packages of dry-goods and other valuable articles, invoiced at £40,000 sterling; sent into New York by the Governor Tompkins, of that port. The bounty (or the reduction of duties) allowed by the United States on this prize amounted to about \$35,000.

The cargo of the prize ship *Nereid* has been disposed of at New York. The gross amount of the sales, exclusive of the jewellery, was \$270,000.

Schooner —, sent into Beaufort, N. C., by the *Snap Dragon*; laden with mahogany.

The privateer *York*, of Baltimore, when off the coast of Nova Scotia, on the 18th of April, had a severe engagement with the British transport ship *Lord Somers*. During the action, Captain Staples, of the *York*, and five of his men were killed, and twelve wounded. In this disabled situation, the privateer was obliged to haul off, and give up the contest.

About the 15th of May, the *Mammoth*, *Revenge*, and *Fairy*, all of Baltimore, were cruising off St. Bartholomews.

Brig *James*, from the Isle of France for England, captured by the *Young Wasp*, of Philadelphia; divested of part of her cargo, manned, and ordered into port.

Two vessels captured by the same; one was destroyed, the other given up to release the prisoners. The *Young Wasp* arrived at Philadelphia, (May 28th), with a quantity of valuable goods on board.

Ship *Union*, from Jamaica, laden with sugar and coffee, captured by the *Rambler*; recaptured by the *Curlew*, but lost near Sambo lighthouse.

Brig *Fair Stranger*, with a cargo of fish, oil, etc., sent into Portsmouth by the *Fox* of that port.

Brig —, from Lisbon for Passage, with provisions

English troops, captured and destroyed by the  
tion, of Baltimore.

oner Miranda, captured by the Chasseur, of Bal-  
divested of some dry-goods, and burnt. Sloop  
laden with government stores, captured by the  
divested of the most valuable part of her cargo ;  
er part of it was destroyed : she was then made  
of, to release the prisoners. Two other vessels  
aptured by the Chasseur, and destroyed ; one of  
ad on board a quantity of money in gold.

very valuable schooner Adeline arrived at New  
from Bordeaux. She was captured four days  
a British frigate, but recaptured by the Expedi-  
k days after. The Adeline had dispatches for  
ment and 4,000 letters, all of which were thrown  
ard previous to her capture by the enemy.

Experience, from Jamaica for Gonaives cap-  
y the Caroline, of Baltimore, but lost on the  
f Cuba, being chased ashore. Crew saved.

very valuable ship Experience, from England for

Brig *Bellona*, laden with Madeira wine and fruit, captured by the *Globe*, of Baltimore, and by stress of weather, compelled to enter Barracoa, (Cuba), where, being condemned as unseaworthy, the vessel and cargo were disposed of.

Sloop —, cut out of Carracoa by the boats of the *Saratoga*, and sunk.

Sloop *Cygnat*, from Jamaica, with a cargo of rum, sent into Wilmington, N. C., by the *Saratoga* of New York.

Schooner *Diligence*, from Halifax for St. Johns, captured by the *York*, of Baltimore, and destroyed.

Sloop *Bonita*, captured by the *Delisle*, of Baltimore, and destroyed.

Brig *Robert*, with fish and lumber, from St. Johns for Jamaica, captured by the *Zebec Ultor*, of Baltimore, and sent into Charleston.

Ship *Equity*, from London for Limerick, captured by the *Rattlesnake*, and burnt.

Ship *Adston*, captured by the same, and sunk.

The letter-of-marque schooner *David Porter*, of New York, was obliged to hurry off from La Teste, near Bordeaux. During a short cruise of 15 days in the Bay of Biscay she made several captures, when the captain landed on l'Isle Dieu, and sent his first lieutenant home with the vessel. On her return passage, she made two or three more prizes, and, after obtaining a full cargo from them, she arrived safe at Boston, with ten or fifteen prisoners on board. Her crew of officers and men only numbered twenty-five or thirty souls.

Brig —, laden with rum and sugar, sent into Portsmouth, N. H., by the *Rattlesnake*, of Philadelphia.

Ship *James*, captured by the *Young Wasp*, divested



000 in specie. The *James* was subsequently red.

*Swift*, 4 guns and 15 men, bound for Halifax, cargo of sundries, sent in by the *Zebec Ultor*, of ore.

*Camelion*, coppered, from the West Indies for runswick, laden with rum and molasses, sent into ern port by the *Mammoth*, of Baltimore.

vessels captured by the *Caroline*, of Baltimore, l of their valuable articles and destroyed. The e arrived at Charleston; she captured three vessels, which were manned and ordered into

*Fortuna* (under Russian colors), from Havana a, with 1,520 boxes of sugar, sent into Beaufort Roger, of Norfolk. The cargo was the property nemy, consequently condemned.

oner *Phœbe*, with rum and molasses, sent into gton, N. C., by the *Hawk*, of Washington.

*Kutozoff*, of 6 guns, from Lagaira for Gibraltar,

The Chasseur captured several other valuable vessels on the same cruise.

The elegant ship Pelham, of 540 tons, carrying 12 guns; a vessel of the first class from London for Port-au-Prince, laden with an assorted cargo, 494 packages of India and British goods, captured after a smart action by boarding, by the Saucy Jack, of Charleston, and conveyed into that port.

The passengers of the ship Pelham, captured by the Saucy Jack, and sent into Charleston, have publicly offered their grateful thanks to Captain Chazel and his officers, for the very kind treatment they experienced whilst in their possession, and for the means afforded for their liberation.

The Baltimore privateers Patapsco, Grampus, and Syren, had recently sailed from New York.

Schooner Hope, from St. Johns, Newfoundland, laden with fish, was sent into Saco by the Pike, of Baltimore.

Schooner Pickrel, from Dartmouth, England, bound to Quebec, laden with dry-goods, teas, etc., captured by the same, divested of her cargo and destroyed.

Ship Askew, from Palermo for Belfast, captured by the True-Blooded Yankee, and sent into France.

Schooner Brilliant, with 6 guns, an elegant vessel of 157 tons, late a New Providence privateer, laden with 116 casks of spermaceti oil, 41 bales of cotton, logwood, etc., sent into Boston by the privateer Scourge, of New York, on her return to the United States.

The Scourge took two other valuable vessels on the same cruise, viz., on her return from Norway.

Brig Dove, laden with lumber, from Liverpool for Nova Scotia, captured by the Fox, of Portsmouth, and burnt.

Fox also captured the ship *Jane*, in ballast, from  
and, for *Marsmashea*, divested and given up to re-  
the prisoners.

*Mermaid*, sent into *Damariscotta*, Maine, laden  
salt and coal, by the *General Pike*, of Balti-

Commerce, from *Limerick* for *Bilboa*, laden with  
of barley, and 100 tons of oats, for the British  
captured by the *Lawrence*, of Baltimore. The  
ce arrived at Portland, Maine.

British ship *Upton*, from *Cork*, bound for *New-*  
and, was captured by the privateer *Diomedé*, of  
and sent into *Wiscasset*. The *Upton* was 270  
arthen, armed with 16 guns, and 104 men (many  
were, however, passengers). She made consider-  
assistance, and had one man killed and another  
ed before she surrendered.

brig *Providence*, from *Maryport*, England, bound  
ra *Scotia*, captured by the *Diomedé*, and sunk.

*Hampden*, from *Monmouth*, England, was also

Ship Henry Dundas, for Lisbon, captured by the *Rattlesnake*, and released after divesting her of the most valuable part of her cargo.

Brig *Indian Lass*, from Liverpool for St. Michaels, with dry-goods, etc., captured by the *Grand Turk*, of Salem, divested of her dry-goods, and ordered into port. She arrived safely at Salem with the balance of her merchandize, which was worth \$65,000. She also brought in 30 prisoners.

Brig *Catharine*, from Lisbon for London, captured by the *Grand Turk*, recaptured by the British brig *Bacchus*. she was again captured by the *Grand Turk* and subsequently burnt.

Sloop *Caroline*, from London for St. Michaels, laden with dry-goods, etc., captured by the same, divested of her cargo and then given up.

The *Grand Turk* took several other vessels, which she ordered into port.

Schooner *Traveller*, with 174 puncheons of rum, etc., sent into Thomastown by the *Diomedé*, of Salem.

Ship *Cod Hook*, with a cargo of 700 hhds. of salt, some dry-goods, crates, flour, bread, and iron; captured by the *Diomedé*, and sent into Castine.

Schooner *Victoria*, captured by the letter-of-marque cutter sloop *Hero*, of New York, on her passage from France; she was manned and ordered for an American port, but was soon after retaken by a British vessel-of-war, and the American prize crew were all taken out but one man, and replaced by Englishmen. After being in possession of the British prize crew a few days, they agreed among themselves to bring her into the first American port. She was a fine, large schooner, laden with rum and molasses, and arrived safe at Charleston.

very valuable cargo of the Russian ship Joachim, was sent into a Southern port by the Caroline, condemned as British property; vessel cleared.

Booner Robert Hartwell, from Antigua for Bermuda, laden with sugar and molasses, valued at \$20,000, sent into Newbern by the cutter Hero, of New

York, from Liverpool for Newfoundland, salt, captured by the Amelia, of Baltimore, and a cartel of, to dispose of her prisoners.

Booner Jessie, of 6 guns, from London for Newfoundland, laden with bread, porter, etc., captured by the Amelia, and burnt.

Booner Ann, with an assorted cargo of dry-goods, captured by the same, divested of her effects, and sent, by cartel, to Halifax.

Diomedes, after making many prizes, was herself captured and sent into Halifax, June 25th.

Several valuable prizes made by the Amelia, were sent in and ordered into port. She arrived at New

such vessels to carry the war to the British coasts, it would terribly annoy our enemy. Twenty of these schooners properly fitted and manned, might dash across the Atlantic, and destroy two or three hundred vessels on the coast of England, before their presence would be suspected. If the enemy's ships of war were too thick for them, they might return home with very little loss, probably not more than two or three of them would be captured.

*July 23d.*—The privateer *Surprise*, of Baltimore, arrived at Newport, R. I., from a cruise of 103 days, a part of which time she was in the British and Irish Channels, and near the Western Isles. She was chased 16 times, and made in all 13 prizes, some of which arrived safe, several others were burnt.

The *Zebec Ultor*, of Baltimore, in passing through Long Island Sound, was attacked by two British boats; she captured one with eight men, the other made her escape. The commander of the barge was killed; and buried at New London, where the prisoners were landed.

*Charleston, July 21st.*—The privateer schooner *Saucy Jack*, opened a rendezvous yesterday at 11 o'clock, for the enlistment of her crew. Before 5 p.m. one hundred and thirty able-bodied seamen were shipped in six hours, and ready to engage in the glories and dangers of an Atlantic cruise. Probably such a thing is unprecedented even in this country, so remarkable for maritime enterprise and dispatch.

The elegant ship *London packet*, 12 guns, laden with 400 pipes of brandy and wine, sent into an eastern port by the *Chasseur*, of Baltimore.

The British brig *Astrea*, with 10 guns and 20 men, laden

sh, was taken by the Midas, and sent into Savannah.

On the return of the privateer Midas, from a cruise, off Tybee light, she fell in with and captured a English schooner privateer, called the Dash ; she armed with one long gun, and several small ones, crew of 40 men.

Previous to her capture she had taken and manned 3 brig vessels belonging to Savannah, laden with cotton ; the cargo of the three, inclusive, was 700 bales. The privateer immediately sailed in pursuit of them, and had good fortune to return to Savannah with the three vessels, after an absence of five days.

The schooner Union, with fish, oil, etc., sent into port by the privateer Amelia, of Baltimore.

The schooner Friendship, with dry-goods, and \$7,000 in specie, captured by the Revenge, divested and destroyed.

The schooner Alert, captured by the same, and destroyed.

which were permitted to proceed. A brig of 14 guns was manned, and ordered for France, and two others were sent to the United States.

Portuguese ship *St. Jose*, from Liverpool for Rio Janeiro, with dry-goods, hardware, etc., valued at \$500,000 or \$600,000, said to be British property, sent into Portland by the Yankee of Bristol.

Privateer schooner *Amnesty*, one gun, 24 men, captured by the *Zebec Ultor*, of Baltimore, and burnt.

Sloop *Tickler*, sent into Wilmington, N. C., by the same.

Schooner *Rambler*, with dry-goods, sent into Wilmington, N. C., by the *Perry*, of Baltimore.

Schooner *Fairy*, of Waterford, Ireland, 2 guns mounted, and 6 in the hold, laden with flour, sent into Wilmington, N. C., by the same.

His Britannic Majesty's schooner *Bulaboo*, of 6 guns and 30 men, captured by the same, after some resistance, and sent into Wilmington, N. C.

The ship *Friendship*, under Swedish colors, from London for Lisbon, with a cargo invoiced at £100,000, sterling, supposed to be British property, sent into Wilmington, N. C., by the *Herald*, of New York.

Ship *Hugh Jones*, from Belfast for Guadeloupe, with a full cargo of valuable goods, captured by the Yankee, divested, and ordered into port. This privateer had safely arrived from her fifth successful cruise.

Schooner *Fox*, captured off the Irish coast by the *Surprise*, was made a cartel of, to dispose of her prisoners.

Brig *James and David*, in ballast, captured by the same. She being of small value, was allowed to proceed on her voyage.

Brig *Fidelity*, taken by the same, and burnt.

Schooner *Ellen*, from Belfast, Ireland, for Lisbon,



with beef, pork, and lard, sent into Beaufort, N. the Herald of New York.

Duke of York, of Greenock, captured by the General Armstrong, of New York, and burnt.

George, taken in sight of Ireland, by the same, and sunk.

Swift, in ballast, taken by the same, and made use of, to dispose of her prisoners.

Defiance, with whiskey, butter, and bread, for provisions, captured by the same, and burnt.

Friendship, with a similar cargo, taken by the same, and burnt.

Stag, with a very full and very valuable cargo of provisions, captured by the same, divested of some articles, and sent, a British frigate, brig and schooner, being in company. The privateer had only time to take a few valuables.

Dorcas, cut out of Anguilla, by the boats of the General Armstrong, and sunk.

During the last cruise of the General Armstrong, she

into Havre de Grace, France, by the Prince of Neufchâtel.

By Loyd's List, the 3d of June, there were thirty-seven British merchant vessels captured by American privateers, all within a few weeks ; some of them were reported to be very valuable ; many of these prizes were destroyed, others divested of their cargoes, while the most valuable portion of them were sent to the United States.

On the 18th of June, in Boston bay, the privateers Grampus, Patapsco, of Baltimore, and the schooner Dash, of Boston, were all chased by Captain Chapel, in the La Hague, seventy-four. Although hard pushed for some time, they were fortunate enough to make their escape. Captain Chapel, during the pursuit, imagined he had one or more of them within his grasp, and when he found they had all made good their retreat, it is said, he was highly exasperated at their impudent audacity, and, of course, damned all the Yankees that infested the ocean without a British license.

DESPERATE BATTLE BETWEEN THE PRIVATEER PRINCE DE NEUFCHATEL, OF NEW YORK, COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN ORDRONAU. AND A LARGE NUMBER OF BOATS, BELONGING TO A BRITISH MAN-OF-WAR.

The Prince de Neufchâtel was a splendid vessel, of 310 tons burthen, hermaphrodite rigged, mounting 17 guns, with blunderbusses, muskets, boarding pikes, etc. Her full complement of men, including officers and marines, probably amounted to 150 souls, when she left New York.

She was a most fortunate vessel, and made several successful cruises during the war, causing great loss to the

She was chased by 17 men-of-war during her cruise, and escaped them all.

Goods she brought to the United States were estimated to be worth from \$250,000 to \$300,000, besides on board a considerable amount of specie.

Soon, on the 11th of October, off Nantucket, that bearing north, distant about half a mile, Captain Baux discovered a frigate off Gay Head, which gave chase to him, and while the privateer lay becalmed, she took a fresh breeze and came up very fast.

At 3 P.M., the Neufchâtel got the breeze, and took the prize, the ship Douglass, in tow; the frigate, at the same time, about 12 miles from the privateer.

In the evening, it fell calm, when the privateer and her prize came to anchor about a quarter of a mile from each other, as the current was sweeping them on

At half-past 8 P.M., a signal was made from the prize that several boats were coming from the frigate to attack her. All hands were then called to quarters, and every

side, apparently with no living soul on board ; one was taken possession of. She contained 36 men at the commencement of the action, of whom 8 were killed, 20 wounded, and 8 unhurt. It was then ascertained that they were from the British frigate *Endymion*. They were all armed with blunderbusses, pistols, muskets, boarding pikes and cutlasses.

The second lieutenant of the frigate (F. Ormond, who was unhurt), 3 midshipmen, two of whom were severely wounded, with one master's mate also wounded, were permitted to come on board. The remainder of the prisoners (15 seamen and marines), were kept astern all night in the launch ; after taking out the arms, oars, etc., the commander being afraid to trust them on board, having only 8 men fit for duty, while there were 37 prisoners confined below.

The *Prince de Neufchâtel*, at the commencement of the action, had only thirty-three men, including officers at quarters. After the battle was over, it was found that six of the privateer's crew were killed ; also Mr. Charles Hilburn, a Nantucket pilot, taken out of a fishing vessel. There were also fifteen severely wounded, nine slightly, and eight unhurt.

The next morning, the lieutenant, midshipman, and master's mate, signed an agreement in behalf of themselves, the seamen and marines pledging their honors not to serve against the United States during the war unless regularly exchanged, and were then towed on shore at Nantucket in the privateer's launch.

Shortly after, Captain Ordranax sent fifteen of his other prisoners, and fifteen of his own men who were wounded, on shore.

All the prisoners were placed in charge of the United States Marshal. In his enfeebled situation, Captain Or-

aux got under way and proceeded to Boston, at  
place he arrived on the 15th October.

was subsequently ascertained by persons from Nan-  
t, that the British acknowledged a loss of 33 killed,  
ounded, and 30 made prisoners.

ong the killed were the first lieutenant, and a mas-  
mate. The third lieutenant, two master's mates,  
ne midshipman were wounded.

e commander of the frigate said he had lost as  
men as he should have done if engaged with a ves-  
ual in force to his own, and gave great credit to  
fficers and crew of the privateer, for their gallant  
ce.

had 111 men in the attack. He said that a part  
men succeeded in gaining the deck of the *Prince*  
*ufchâtel*, but that the Americans then rallied and  
them overboard.

e foregoing was one of the hardest fought battles  
ccurred during the war, considering the number of  
cting on the defensive

dry-goods, crates, copper and salt, sent into Savannah by the *Midas*, of Baltimore.

Brig *Espiranza*, from Amelia Island for Havana, with cotton, rice, and flour, sent into Savannah by the *Midas*, of Baltimore.

Brig *Elsinore*, from Turk's Island for Amelia Island, with salt, sent into the same port by the *Midas*.

The privateer *Harrison*, of Baltimore, captured the following British vessels: ship *Julia*, brig *Mary Ann*, schooner *John Duncan*, — *Louisa*. After removing from the prizes to the privateer, valuable goods to the amount of £18,000 or £20,000, sterling, she gave up two of them and destroyed the others.

Schooner —, with a large amount of specie on board, captured by the same, and manned for the United States. The *Harrison* arrived safe at Savannah with her rich spoils.

Brig *Betsy*, with a cargo of fish, from Newfoundland for Barbadoes, sent into Boston by the *York*, of Baltimore.

Ship *Alfred*, in ballast, sent into a southern port by the *Harpy*, of Baltimore.

Ship *Antonia*, under Russian colors, from Lisbon for St. Michaels, laden with dry-goods, brandy, some hardware and crockery, sent to a southern port by the same.

Two brigs in ballast, captured by the same, and burnt.

CAPTURE OF THE BRITISH PACKET PRINCESS ELIZABETH BY THE  
PRIVATEER HARPY, OF BALTIMORE.

In September the *Harpy* fell in with the British packet *Princess Elizabeth*, and after a warm but short action, the packet surrendered. She had three men

and several wounded, and was much cut up in masts and rigging. The privateer had one man

Princess Elizabeth was armed with 10 guns, and 8 twelve-pound carronades, and 2 long brass pounders ; she had on board as passengers, a Turkish ambassador, for England, an English officer, Aid to the British General, and a second lieutenant of a "74." The privateer divested the packet of \$10,000 in specie, five pipes of Madeira wine, with two long brass, and iron guns ; the remainder of her armament she threw overboard, and ransomed the vessel for \$2,000, then allowed her to proceed on her course to Eng-

Hero, from Newfoundland, with 4,333 quintals of fish, sent into Hyannis by the *Ida*, of Boston. The India Company's ship *Countess of Harcourt*, 520 heavy guns, and 90 men, outward bound, laden with dry-goods, brandy, rum, gin, etc., separated from the fleet in a gale, and captured in the British Channel

some she burnt, and some of the most valuable she sent to the United States.

Brig Betsey and Mary, from Spain for London, with wool, etc., captured by the Kemp, of Baltimore, divested of 105 bales of merino wool, and burnt.

Ship Calypso, under Swedish colors, and with Swedish papers, captured by the same, divested of 30 bales of dry-goods, and \$3,000 in specie, belonging to the paymaster of the 41st regiment (who was paroled), and suffered to proceed.

Brig New Frederick, from Smyrna for Hull, captured by the Kemp (and out of humanity to an Italian lady), permitted to proceed, after divesting her of some articles. The Kemp arrived at North Carolina, from Nantes. She obtained her cargo, from the enemy which was exceedingly valuable. She was a letter-of-marque, belonging to Baltimore.

Schooner Contract, laden with salt, sent into North Carolina by the Roger, of Norfolk.

His Majesty's transport brig Doris, captured by the Grampus, of Baltimore, sent into Marblehead. The Doris was from Senegal, bound to Portsmouth, England, and had on board 30 or 40 soldiers, also two elegant horses, one hyena, two jackalls, etc., presents for the Prince Regent.

Ship Hoppet, and brig Eliza, from Amelia Island, bound to England, sent into Savannah by the Saucy Jack, of Charleston.

The London Gazette of June 21st, officially announced the capture of the American privateers Hawk and Polly, by two frigates.

The David Porter, privateer, arrived at New York ; was chased nine hundred and forty miles, by a frigate and two sloops of war.



Mammoth, privateer, of Baltimore, was dealing  
tion to the enemy's commerce, off the coast of  
ndland. She had an action with an English  
rt ship, with three or four hundred troops on  
The privateer had one man wounded, and find-  
transport had too many men with muskets, she  
off and continued on her cruise, for something  
valuable.

York, of Baltimore, arrived at Boston, filled  
e richest spoils of several vessels, among them,  
t India ship Coromandel, of 500 tons.

privateer Surprize, of Baltimore, arrived at  
after a fortunate cruise of one month, during  
ime she captured twenty British vessels; some  
n were valuable, these she ordered into port;  
ainder, amounting to eight or ten, she destroy-  
d after loading the privateer with valuable goods,  
urned into port to discharge her cargo and refit  
her cruise.

oner Mary, with dry-goods, valued at £3,000,

her valuable articles by the Pike, and made a cartel of, to dispose of her prisoners.

British schooner *Industrious Bee*, captured also by the Pike, and burnt.

Schooners *Venus*, *Lord Nelson*, and brig *Jane*, also taken by the Pike; the last, with provisions and dry-goods; divested of part of her cargo, and made a cartel of, to dispose of the prisoners. The other two ordered into a port in the United States.

Brig *Orient*, from Portsmouth, England, for Teneriffe, with dry-goods, captured by the same privateer; divested of her valuable goods, and sunk.

Brig *John*, from London for Teneriffe, taken by the same, and burnt, within long-gun-shot of a British man-of-war brig.

The Pike captured several other vessels, which were released or made cartels of. This privateer was subsequently chased ashore, on the southern coast, and taken possession of by some of the enemy's vessels. A part of the crew, however, escaped; the remainder, forty-three in number, were made prisoners. She paroled 250 prisoners during her cruise.

A British brig and a schooner sent into Ocracock, laden with fish; by the *Herald*, of New York.

Ship *Samuel Cummings*, 400 tons, laden with sugar and coffee; taken by the Pike, of Baltimore, but wrecked on the southern coast: part of the cargo was saved.

Ship *Five Sisters*, captured by the letter-of-marque schooner *Dash*; divested of 200 puncheons of Jamaica rum, and permitted to proceed on her voyage.

Schooner —, taken by the *Leech*, of Salem, and ransomed.

Brig —, 200 tons, an assorted cargo, estimated to

h \$30,000; sent into Newbern by the Hero, of  
ce.

Mars, from Mogadore, captured by the David  
of Boston (the Whig, of Baltimore, in com-  
divested of a considerable part of her cargo, and  
to a port in the United States.

Cornwallis, taken by the same; divested, and  
cartel of.

Vester from Rio Janeiro for England, 6 guns;  
d by the David Porter; divested of her least  
and most valuable articles, and ordered into port.  
Horatio, from Rio de Janeiro, for England, taken  
David Porter, and ransomed for a bill of exchange  
land for \$20,000; cargo of hides and tallow.  
her cruise, the David Porter made several other

Endeavour, a transport vessel, laden with sails,  
army stores and coal, captured by the Surprise,  
more, and destroyed on Rockaway beach, near  
ork, by the British men-of-war. Cargo partially

British Schooner *Espérance*, from —, for Corunna, Spain, captured by the same and destroyed.

Ship London, from Merimachi, for Liverpool, with timber, also captured by the Whig and burnt.

Ship Postethwell, from Cork, for Merimachi, in ballast, captured by the same and burnt.

The Whig made several other prizes on this cruise, and arrived at New York with some goods, and 23 prisoners. She also made some prizes in company with the David Porter.

Brig Nancy, from Liverpool, for Halifax, laden with dry-goods, captured by the Portsmouth, of Portsmouth, divested of 318 bales and packages of goods, invoiced at £27,000, sterling, and ordered into port. This was a great prize. The privateer, with her rich spoils, safely arrived. (See Appendix.)

A sloop, from Halifax, captured also by the Portsmouth, divested of her valuable goods, and given up to the prisoners.

Schooner Columbia, from Halifax, for Barbadoes, with fish and lumber, worth \$4,000, captured and sent into Newburyport, by the Portsmouth.

Brig Fire Fly, from Smyrna, for London, with a full cargo of drugs, wines and silks, brought into Wilmington, North Carolina, by the Sabine, of Baltimore. The privateer safely arrived, and had on board the *optima spolia* of the enemy's vessels. She took goods to the amount of \$100,000.

Brig Mary and Eliza, from Halifax, laden with lumber, etc., captured by the Argo, of Baltimore, and chased ashore near Barnegat, where she was burnt.

Schooner —, with a cargo of provisions, sent into an eastern port by the same privateer Portsmouth, of Portsmouth, N. H.

Argo, from Dublin, with 100 puncheons of Irish  
a quantity of port wine and provisions, sent into  
by the Surprise, of Baltimore.

—, laden with rum and molasses, sent into a  
port by the Grampus, of Baltimore.

Farmer, with provisions, captured by the Mam-  
of Baltimore, on the coast of Nova Scotia, and

Mammoth also captured brig Britannia, from St.  
s, for Liverpool, with lumber ; she not being of  
blue, was destroyed by the captors.

other brigs, in ballast, bound to Pictou and  
chi, were captured by the same privateer and

Ceres, of Glasgow, with brandy, etc., divested  
en up to release the prisoners, by the same. —

privateer York, of Baltimore, captured the fol-  
vessels, namely : The British brig Harvest, laden  
rs, seal skins, oil and salmon, and manned her  
United States. British brig William, 10 guns.

## CHAPTER VIII.

A SHORT CRUISE IN THE LETTER-OF-MARQUE-SCHOONER LEO, GEORGE COGGESHALL, COMMANDER, FROM L'ORIENT TO CHARLESTON, AND HER CAPTURE IN THE YEARS 1814 AND 1815—PREPARE AND FIT OUT THE LEO AT L'ORIENT—DISARMED BY ORDER OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT—SAIL FROM L'ORIENT—PROCEED TO THE ENGLISH CHANNEL—CAPTURE SEVERAL PRIZES—COMPELLED TO LEAVE THE CHANNEL AND STEER TO THE SOUTHWARD, ON ACCOUNT OF BEING BADLY ARMED, AND VERY DEFICIENT IN SAILS AND RIGGING—ARRIVE OFF LISBON—DISMASTED WHILE IN CHASE OF A BRITISH PACKET—TAKEN BY THE GRANICUS FRIGATE, AND TOWED ROUND TO GIBRALTAR—PROCEED IN THE GRANICUS TO TETUAN BAY, MOROCCO—RETURN TO GIBRALTAR—REFUSAL OF THE GOVERNOR OF THAT PLACE TO PAROLE CAPTAIN AND OFFICERS—EXAMINATION AT THE ADMIRALTY OFFICE—ESCAPE FROM THE GARRISON—GO ON BOARD A NORWEGIAN GALLIOT—HUBBUB AND CONFUSION IN GIBRALTAR TO FIND THE CAPTAIN OF THE LEO—TAKE PASSAGE TO ALGECIRAS WITH A GANG OF SMUGGLERS—RESIDE WITH THE FAMILY OF THE CAPTAIN OF THE GANG—AIDED AND PROTECTED BY THE AMERICAN CONSUL, HORATIO SPRAGUE, ESQ.—LEAVE ALGECIRAS, IN DISGUISE, FOR CADIZ—REMARKS ON THAT REGION OF COUNTRY—ARRIVE AT CADIZ—KIND RECEPTION AT THAT PLACE BY HIS OLD FRIENDS AND COUNTRYMEN—RESIDENCE AT CADIZ—THEATRES AND BULL-FIGHTS—SAIL FROM CADIZ FOR LISBON IN A PORTUGUESE VESSEL.

CRUISE IN THE LETTER-OF-MARQUE SCHOONER LEO, FROM L'ORIENT TO CHARLESTON, WITH AN ACCOUNT OF HER CAPTURE.

The Leo was a fine Baltimore built vessel of 320 tons, a remarkably fast sailer, and in every respect a superior vessel. She was lying in the harbor of L'Orient on the 1st of November, 1814, and was then owned by Thomas Lewis, Esq., an American gentleman, residing in Bordeaux. On the 2nd of November, she was purchased by an association of American gentlemen (then in France), placed under my command, and her commission as a letter-of-marque indorsed over to me under the sanction of the Hon. William H. Crawford, who was at that time our Minister at Paris. It was determined that I should make a short cruise for the purpose of capturing a few

from the enemy, and then proceed to Charleston to dispose of cotton, and return to France as soon as

there were at this time quite a number of American ships in Bordeaux, Nantes and L'Orient, supported by the government of the United States, through the aid of which at those ports, it was desirable to take home as many of them as the schooner could conveniently accom-

I took with me, as first officer, Mr. Pierre G. Leveque, and left Bordeaux by diligence, for L'Orient. On our way we stopped a day or two at Nantes, where we were received, with the consent of our consul at that port, by a number of men and two petty officers.

Mr. O. Lewis, a fine young man, brother of the owner of the *Leo*, was one of my prize masters, to whom I committed the charge of bringing about twenty more seamen from Bordeaux to L'Orient. The rest of the officers and men were picked up at L'Orient, with the exception of four or five of my petty officers, who came up from Bordeaux to join the schooner at

barrels of beef, 15 ditto of pork, and other stores to correspond, being enough for fifty days.

I got ready for sea on the 6th of November. My crew, including the officers and marines, numbered about one hundred souls, and a better set of officers and men never left the port of L'Orient. But we were miserably armed ; we had, when I first took command of the schooner, one long brass 12-pounder, and four small 4-pounders, with some fifty or sixty poor muskets. Those concerned in the vessel seemed to think we ought, with so many men, to capture prizes enough, even without guns.

With this miserable armament, I was now ready for sea, and had dropped the schooner down near the mouth of the outer harbor, and was only waiting for my papers from Paris, to proceed on my intended voyage ; when to my severe mortification, I was ordered by the public authorities to return into port, and disarm the vessel. The order was imperative, and I was of course compelled to obey. I accordingly waited on the commanding officer of the port, and told him it was a hard case not to allow me sufficient arms to defend my vessel against the boats of the enemy.

He politely told me he was sorry, but that he must obey the orders of his government, and that I must take out all the guns except one, and at the same time laughingly observed that one gun was enough to take a dozen English ships before I got to Charleston.

I, of course, kept the long 12-pounder, and in the night smuggled on board some twenty or thirty muskets. In this situation I left the port of L'Orient, on the 8th of November, 1814, and stood out to sea in the hope of capturing a few prizes. After getting to sea we rubbed up the muskets, and with this feeble armament steered for the chops of the British Channel. I soon found that



he weather was good and the sea smooth, I could merchantmen enough by boarding ; but in rough the travelling 12-pounder was but a poor reli- and not to be depended upon like the long centre at I had on board the David Porter.

true, my officers and men were always ready to an enemy of three times our force ; but, in a high one of these delicately Baltimore built vessels come in contact with a large, strong ship, the er would inevitably be crushed and sunk. For son, I was compelled to let one large English ship twelve guns escape while in the English Channel, the weather was too rough to board her.

ber 13th.—At six P. M. sounded in sixty-five s water, the Scilly Islands bearing N.W. fifteen distant. Light winds and variable through the At 6 A.M. saw a brig to windward. At 7 ditto English colors ; gave her a gun, when she struck . She proved to be an English brig from Leg- bound up the Channel. It now commenced blow-

2 P. M. the weather moderated, when I took out of the English prize brig the captain, mate, and crew, and put on board of her a prize-master and seven men, with orders to proceed to a port in the United States. At 4 P. M. saw a sail to windward, when we made sail in chase. At 8 ditto it became dark and squally; lost sight of the chase. At 8 A. M. saw our prize ahead; we soon came up with her, when I supplied her with two casks of water and a quantity of bread, and left her to proceed on her course to the United States.

*Nov. 15th.*—Fresh gales from the westward, with a rough sea running. Middle and latter part of these twenty-four hours, the wind continued to blow strong from the westward, with a high sea. As it was now the middle of November, and no prospect of much fine weather, and my schooner so badly armed, I concluded to leave this rough cruising ground and run to the southward, in hopes of finding better weather, where I could profit by a superior number of men in making prizes Lat.  $47^{\circ} 28'$  North.

*Nov. 17th.*—At 3 P. M. boarded the Spanish brig *Alonzo*, from Teneriffe, bound to London. On board of this vessel I put the late captain of our prize brig.

*Nov. 18th.*—Light winds and fine weather; a man-of-war brig in chase of us, about two miles distant. At 8 P. M. light breezes from the southward; passed near a brig standing to the eastward; had not time to board her, as the man-of-war was still in chase. At midnight the wind became fresh from the W.S.W., with dark, rainy weather. Took in all the light sails, and hauled close upon the wind to the W.N.W. At 7 A. M. saw a small sail on our weather-bow; made sail in chase. At 10 ditto came up with and captured the chase; found it was

English cutter, from Teneriffe, bound to London, with  
to of wine.

19th.—Strong gales from the northward, and a  
sea running. At meridian took out of the prize  
y quarter casks of wine, together with her sails,  
rigging, blocks, &c., and after removing the pris-  
scuttled her. At 1 P. M. she sank. At 7 A. M. saw  
to windward; tacked ship to get the weather-gage.  
ditto got her on our lee beam, when I made her  
be an English brig-of-war of sixteen guns. I com-  
d firing my long twelve. At noon, after receiving  
thirty or forty shot from the enemy, without any  
al damage, I hauled off. Some of his shot passed  
s, some fell short; and only one hulled us: this  
assed through our bends amid-ships, and lodged in  
ld. I could outsail him with the greatest ease,  
I had had a long well-mounted centre gun, I could  
nnoyed him without receiving any injury by keep-  
st out of the reach of his carronades.

21st.—Fresh winds from the N.N.E., and squally

schooner from Malaga, bound to Dublin, with a cargo of fruit. Took out the prisoners and a supply of fruit, and then manned her and gave orders to the prize master to make the best of his way to the United States. Lat. by account  $45^{\circ} 33' N.$ ; long.  $12^{\circ} 0' W.$

*Nov. 22d.*—Light airs and fine pleasant weather. At 3 P. M. came up with and boarded a Danish galiot; at 12 o'clock, midnight, put ten English prisoners on board of her. I supplied them with provisions and a quarter cask of wine, and the galiot proceeded on her voyage.

*Nov. 23d.*—Fresh gales from the southward, with dark, rainy weather. At 1 P. M. wore ship to the S.E. in chase of a brig; at three came up with and spoke her. She proved to be a Prussian from Oporto, bound to Hamburg, with a cargo of wine and fruit. Middle part of the twenty-four hours, strong gales from the N.N.W. At noon discovered two frigates to leeward. They both made sail in chase of me. I plied to windward, tacking every hour, and beat them without difficulty; but, as there were two of them, I was not quite at ease until I had got out of their neighborhood.

*Nov. 24th.*—Fresh gales from the N.W., and squally, with showers of rain and a high head-sea running; the two frigates still in chase of us. At 5 P. M. the weathermost frigate was about ten or twelve miles distant to leeward; finding I could beat them with so much ease, I reefed the sails, and plied to windward. Towards morning the wind moderated, and at daylight there was nothing in sight. Lat. by obs.  $44^{\circ} 34' N.$ , long.  $15^{\circ} 8' W.$

*Nov. 25th.*—Moderate breezes from the westward, and fine weather. At 3 P. M. discovered a sail bearing about S.E.; made sail and bore away in chase. At half-past three made her out to be a frigate, when I hauled upon the wind. At four ditto she fired a gun,

showed American colors. I set an American ensign a few minutes, and then hauled it down and hoisted the English ensign. She fired three or four shots, finding they fell short, stopped firing, and crowded in chase of me. Night coming on, I soon lost sight of her.

Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. -- Strong gales from the W.N.W., and squally weather. At 1 P. M. discovered a sail to leeward, bearing N.W.; made sail in chase, tack every hour. At 5 ditto, made him out to be a ship running upon the wind to the N.E. At half-past 9 P. M., after getting on his weather quarter, ran up close, hailed him, and ordered him to heave to, the order was immediately obeyed. I sent my boat aboard, and found him to be an English ship, burthened 200 tons, from Palermo, bound to London, with cargo of brimstone, rags, mats, etc. He mounted six guns, with a crew of about twenty men. We kept company through the night. The latter part of these four hours light winds and fine weather. Let

Rock of Lisbon bore S. by E., seven leagues distant. Fresh breezes from the N.E. and fine weather. Lat. by obs.  $39^{\circ} 1' N$ .

*Dec. 1st.*—These twenty-four hours commenced with fresh breezes at N.N.W., with open, cloudy weather.

At 1 P. M. saw a ship on our weather quarter, coming up with us very fast. I made sail, steering to the westward, to get to windward of the ship, in order to ascertain her character. It was then blowing a strong breeze from the N.N.W., and the weather was somewhat squally; a head sea was running. About half-past 2 P. M. the schooner gave a sudden pitch, when, to the astonishment of every person on board, the foremast broke, about one-third below its head, and in a moment after, it broke again, close to the deck. While in this situation, I had the mortification to see the ship pass us, within pistol-shot, without being able to pursue her. I believe she was an English packet, just out of Lisbon, and bound for England; and, I doubt not, if this unfortunate accident had not occurred, we should have captured her in less than one hour from the time she was first seen. At this time the packets transported large quantities of specie to England, and this ship would, in all probability, have proved a rich prize to us. I have no doubt the mast was defective, and that it should have been renewed before leaving port. From this untoward circumstance resulted all the misfortunes attending the cruise.

I cannot express the disappointment and mortification I now felt, not so much on my own account, as for the loss incurred by the gentlemen who planned and fitted out the expedition. The Rock of Lisbon bore E.S.E. 80 miles distant, and my only hope was to get into Lisbon or St. Ubes before daylight the next morning, and

escape capture. I accordingly cleared away the  
masts, rigged a jury foremast, and bore away. At 4  
o'clock, an hour after the accident occurred, we were  
making at the rate of seven knots an hour, and had the  
wind continued through the night, should have got  
in port by daylight next morning; but, unfortunately,  
the wind became light during the night, and we made  
no progress. At 5 A. M., daylight, made Cape Espar-  
tero and the Rock of Lisbon, when it became almost

We then commenced sweeping and towing, with  
boats ahead, until 1 P. M., when a light air sprung  
up from the westward, and I had strong hopes of being  
able to get in, or run the vessel on shore and destroy  
her, and thus escape capture.

At 2 P. M., being about four miles from the land, I  
boarded a Lisbon pilot on board. The ebb-tide now  
began running out of the Tagus, and I had the mor-  
row to see a British frigate coming out with the  
intent of capturing it, with a light breeze from off the land. At 2  
o'clock she was under her guns. She proved to be the

occupied three or four days. Captain Wise was a fine, gentlemanly man, and always treated me and my officers with respect and kindness. We messed in the ward-room. I had a state-room to myself, and was as comfortable and happy as I could be under the circumstances.

I used to dine with Capt. Wise almost daily ; he frequently said to me, " Don't feel depressed by captivity, but strive to forget that you are a prisoner, and imagine that you are only a passenger."

In the course of conversation, he said to me : " Coggeshall, you Americans are a singular people as it respects seamanship and enterprise. In England, we cannot build such vessels as your Baltimore clippers ; we have no such models, and even if we had them, they would be of no service to us, for we never could sail them as you do. We have now and then taken some of your schooners with our fast sailing frigates. They have sometimes caught one of them under their lee, in a heavy gale of wind, by out-carrying them. Then, again, we have taken a few with our boats in calm weather. We are afraid of their long masts and heavy spars, and soon cut down and reduce them to our standard. We strengthen them, put up bulkheads, etc., after which they lose their sailing qualities, and are of no further service as cruising vessels."

He also remarked that the famous privateer *True Blooded Yankee*, which had done them so much mischief, once belonged to their navy ; that they captured her from the French ; that she was afterwards re-taken, and finally got into the hands of the Americans ; that she then outsailed every thing, and that none of their cruisers could touch her, and concluded by adding that we were a most ingenious people.



erved that perhaps he gave us too much credit  
skill in seamanship. He replied that he did not,  
y stated the simple truth.

soon afterward related a very amusing anecdote  
one of our little schooners, near the mouth of the  
e, in the Bay of Biscay. He said the Superb,  
r-four, was cruising off the mouth of that river,  
at one morning, in a fog, they found one of our  
schooners under her guns. They, of course, con-  
she could not make her escape. The Captain  
s wife with him, who had the curiosity to watch  
le schooner from the quarter deck, and on her  
to England, related to her friends all the circum-  
of her escape, which were as follows : " One morn-  
were quite near one of the American schooners,  
uld not catch her." When asked the reason why,  
lied : " Because we could not turn round soon  
." Capt. Wise then observed, that the lady re-  
all the facts in the case in the few words, " Because  
uld not turn round soon enough." A nautical

cussing the subject good-naturedly for some time, a young midshipman, who was dining with us, expressed a wish that he could have an opportunity of being engaged with an American frigate, under like circumstances, when Capt. Wise reprovingly replied: "Do n't boast, youngster, perhaps if you should, you might get handsomely whipped." In this way we often discussed the relative merits of our respective countries, with kindness and social courtesy. Capt. Wise occasionally invited Mr. Depeyster, my first lieutenant, to dine with him, and in the characteristic goodness of his heart, said he would endeavor to get us paroled, and thus prevent our being sent to England. We stated to him, that we had voluntarily released more than thirty British prisoners, notwithstanding the American government gave a bounty (to letters-of-marque and privateers) of ten dollars per head for British prisoners brought into the United States. These facts Capt. Wise represented to the governor, and also added, that the five English prisoners, found on board the *Leo*, said they had been very kindly treated, and he hoped his Excellency would release me and my two lieutenants upon our parole, and let us return direct to the United States. The governor refused to comply with the kind request of Capt. Wise, and said he had positive orders from the British government to send every American prisoner, brought into that port, to England. When Capt. Wise informed us that he was unable to obtain our liberty on parole, he gave me a letter of introduction to a friend in England, requesting him to use his best interest to get myself and my first and second lieutenants released on parole, and thus enable us to return forthwith to the United States. Mr. Daly, an Irish gentleman, second lieutenant of the *Granicus*, who was connected with several persons of

on in England, also gave me a letter to a noble great influence at court. I regret I do not remember her name, but I well remember the emphatic opinion of the kind-hearted and generous Daly when he showed me the letter to his noble friend. "Cause her to be presented," said he, "and rely upon it, I will never allow you or your two friends to be prisoners in England." Mr. Depeyster was a high-spirited man, and when he learned that we could not obtain our liberty on parole, he became extremely vexed and irritated, and told the ward-room officers that if it ever please God to place him in a letter-of-ransom or privateer, during the war, he would never release an English prisoner, but would have a cabin built in the vessel to confine them until he should be in the United States; that the bounty given by the United States government rendered it an object to bring them into port, but from motives of humanity he had released many of their countrymen; and now they were to parole three unfortunate men who were in

Depeyster and Mr. Allen. This ready compliance on my part resulted from a desire to gain an opportunity to reconnoitre the garrison, or in seaman's phrase, "to see how the land lay," in order to profit by the first chance to make my escape when not on parole.

We accordingly went on shore without a guard, and were conducted to the Admiralty Office. I was first examined, and was asked a great many questions, the greater part of which were from a printed copy; the answers were written down opposite the questions. It seemed to me to be more a matter of form, than for any special purpose. By-the-by, many of the inquiries appeared to me very unmeaning and unimportant. When they had finished with me, they commenced with Mr. Depeyster; and after asking him a few questions, the court of inquiry was adjourned until the next morning at 10 o'clock; and notifying us to be there precisely at the time appointed, we were dismissed. We then took a stroll about the town for an hour or two, returned on board, and reported ourselves to Capt. Wise.

Thus far, not a shadow of suspicion had been visible on the countenances of Captain Wise, or his officers, that either of us would attempt to make our escape. In the evening, I consulted with Messrs. Depeyster and Allen on the subject of giving them the dodge upon the very first opportunity. I told them if the captain required my parole the next morning I would not give it, neither would I advise them to pledge their word and honor that they would not make their escape. I told them, furthermore, that I was resolved to slip away the first moment I saw a favorable opportunity, and would advise them to do the same, and not, from motives of delicacy, wait a moment for me.

The next morning, when dressing, I put all the money

say about one hundred gold twenty-franc pieces, and some fifteen Spanish dollars in my pocket, with some little and trifling keepsakes. Thus prepared, I went to rest in the ward-room. About 9 o'clock, Captain Coggeshall, I understand you and your officers required at the Admiralty Office at 10 o'clock, and if I will again pledge your honor, as you did yesterday, you will neither of you attempt to make your escape, you may go on shore without a guard, otherwise I shall be obliged to send one with you." I watched his countenance closely, for a moment, to ascertain his meaning, and whether he was determined to adhere to the words he had just uttered, and then replied, "In Wise, I am surprised that you should think it probable for any one to make his escape from Gibraltar." He instantly saw I was sounding him, when he calmly but firmly said, "Come, come, it won't do, I cannot either pledge your word and honor that neither

with my request, leaving the marines at the door to watch Mr. Depeyster, and walked respectfully at a few paces behind us, up the street. (I had been once before at Gibraltar, and understood the town perfectly well). We soon came to a wine shop on a corner, with a door opening on each street. While the soldier was standing at the door, Mr. A. and myself entered and called for a glass of wine. I drank a glass in haste, but unfortunately had no small change, and this circumstance alone, prevented my worthy friend from going with me. I hastily told him I would cross the little square in front, turn the first corner and there wait for him to join me. I then slipped out of the shop, passed quickly over the little park, and turned the corner agreed upon, without being seen by the sergeant, while he was watching at the opposite door. I waited some minutes on the corner for Mr. Allen, and was sadly disappointed that he did not make his appearance. I had now fairly committed myself, and found I had not a moment to spare. I therefore walked with a quick step towards the Land Port Gate, not that leading to the Peninsula, but the gate situated at the north-west extremity of the town.

My dress was a blue coat, black stock, and black cockade, with an eagle in the centre. The eagle I took care to remove, and then it was *tout-à-fait* an English cockade, and I had, on the whole, very much the appearance of an English naval officer. I said to myself when approaching the guard at the gate, "Now is the critical moment, and the most perfect composure and consummate impudence are necessary to a successful result." I gave a stern look at the sentinel, when he returned me a respectful salute, and I was in another moment without the walls of Gibraltar.

ked deliberately down the mole, or quay, where  
ecosted by a great number of watermen offering  
ey me on board my vessel. I employed one, and  
tting off in the bay, he said, " Captain, which is  
essel?" Here again I was at a loss to decide on  
er, but after gazing for a few moments on the  
t ships and the flags of different nations, my eye  
sight of a galiot with a Norwegian ensign fly-  
I said to myself, " The Norwegians are a virtu-  
est people, and I am not afraid to trust them."  
een in their country, and understood the charac-  
hese hardy, honest-hearted sons of the North.  
moment's hesitation, I replied to the boatman,  
s my vessel," pointing to the friendly galiot, and  
e soon alongside. I jumped on board, and in-  
for the captain, who soon made his appearance.  
im I had something to communicate to him. He  
to follow him into the cabin. I immediately  
im whether he was willing to befriend a man in  
He said, " Tell me your story, and I will try

money, I have small change, and I will pay him what is just and right." After dispatching the boatman, he returned below and said, "Now take off your coat, and put on this large pea-jacket and fur cap." In this costume, and with a large pipe in my mouth, I was, in less than two minutes, transformed into a regular Norwegian. Returning again on deck, I asked my good friend the captain whether I could rely on his mate and sailors not to betray me; he said, "They are honest, and perfectly trustworthy, and you need be under no apprehension on their account." We took a social dinner together, when he observed; "I will now go on shore for an hour or two, and hear all I can about your escape, and will come back early in the evening and relate to you all I learn." In the evening the old captain returned, pleased and delighted. He said he never saw such a hubbub as there was about town; that the whole garrison seemed to be on the look-out, that the Town Major, with the military and civil police, were searching every hole and corner in Gibraltar for the captain of the American privateer; that both of my officers were put in confinement, and that the lieutenant of the frigate who had the charge of us had been arrested; in short, there was "the devil to pay," because the captain of the privateer could not be found.

The next morning I stated to my worthy friend how extremely anxious I was to go over to Algeciras, and how mortified I should be to be taken again on board the *Granicus*. He answered, "Leave that to me: I am well acquainted with a gang of smugglers who belong to Algeciras, and often sell them gin, tobacco, and other articles of trade; they will be here on board my galiot at 9 o'clock this evening, and will probably start for Algeciras about midnight, after they have made all their



ses. When they come I will arrange with them to  
you as a passenger."

At 9 o'clock that evening, a long, fast-rowing  
came silently along-side filled with men; and cer-  
a more desperate, villainous-looking set was never  
Their leader and several of his men came on board  
not, and after having purchased several articles  
taken a glass of gin all around, the old captain in-  
of the patroon of the boat what hour he intended  
for Algeciras, and said, that the reason of his  
the question was that his brother wanted to go to  
ace for a few days upon business, and he wished  
ge a passage for him, and that he should be glad  
brother could lodge for a few days with his family.  
answered that he should return again about mid-  
and would willingly take the captain's brother, and  
he could put up with rough fare, he was welcome  
at his house as long as he pleased. I accord-  
pt ready my little bundle, which consisted of a few  
articles, such as a shirt or two (for I did not forget

minute or two, and then covered it with a jacket. This signal was repeated two or three times, until it was answered in the same way from the shore. We approached the port cautiously, and landed in silence. The patrol took me by the arm, and lead me through many a dark winding passage. On our way we passed by several sentinels, and were frequently hailed with the shrill sound of "Quien Viva?" To these salutations some friendly answer was returned, and thus everything passed smoothly on, until at length we arrived at the humble dwelling of the smuggler.

In Spain, the contrabandists are a desperate class of men, and often spread dread and fear through a wide region of country. In many instances they are so numerous and strong that they often put the whole power of the government at defiance. The gang that brought me to Algeciras were about twenty in number, all armed to the teeth with long knives, pistols, swords, &c., and had no doubt made their arrangements during the day with the officers and sentinels who were to mount guard that night. Of course they made them a compensation in some way or other, in order that they should meet with nothing to interfere with, or obstruct their nocturnal enterprises.

Early in life I had made several voyages to Spain and its colonies in America, and had acquired a pretty good knowledge of the Spanish character. I had also picked up enough of the language to enable me to make my way among them without difficulty.

There is something about the Spaniard that immediately inspires confidence ; so much so, that although surrounded by this desperate gang of smugglers, I had not the smallest fear for my safety. It was now near three

in the morning, when we entered the small, low of the patroon. The interior consisted of one of moderate size, with a mat hung up, to serve as a partition, to separate the different members of the family, which consisted of the patroon, Antonio, his wife, and two children. The eldest, a girl, was about eight or ten years of age, and the boy, a fine little fellow, about five. Antonio was thirty-five or forty years old, and his wife a good-looking woman, twenty-eight or thirty.

With this family I was soon placed upon the most easy and intimate footing. A straw bed was prepared for me behind the mat screen. Before saying good-night Antonio told me he should leave the house very early in the morning to look after his boat and smuggled goods, and could not return until noon next day. He said his wife and little daughter would provide breakfast for me, and could purchase whatever I wished at any time. After the preliminaries were settled we all said, "Buenas noches," and dropped asleep.

At 7 o'clock the next morning I furnished the

ALGECIRAS, *Dec. 13th*, 1814.

*Captain of the Galiot :*

MY DEAR, GOOD FRIEND : I am happy to inform you that I landed here last night, or rather at 2 o'clock in the morning, and have taken up my abode in the family of our friend, the patroon Antonio, and now consider myself in perfect safety—all which I owe to your kind and generous conduct. While I live my heart will ever beat with gratitude to you, my excellent friend, and if it should never be in my power to reward your disinterested kindness, I sincerely pray that God will reward and bless you and yours to the third and fourth generations. Although I live in an obscure cabin, and am here a stranger in a strange land, still I am happier than I could possibly be in a palace, deprived of my liberty.

I shall remain here a few days in disguise, and shall be happy to receive a letter from you per Antonio. I am extremely anxious to hear what has become of my officers, and whether they have been sent prisoners to England. You said it was possible you might come over to Algeciras. I hope you will conclude to do so, and then I shall have the pleasure of enjoying your society, while you remain in this place.

Adieu, my dear Sir, and believe me always with esteem,  
Your grateful friend,

GEORGE COGGESHALL.

Antonio was absent almost all the time during the three days I remained in his family. I furnished money, and the good Maria purchased and prepared our frugal meals. When I returned from a stroll about the town, I always took care to provide cakes and *bombons* for the

; so we soon became very good friends, and all  
very happily together, and upon terms of the most  
equality.

remaining here for a period of three days, I be-  
tire of this mode of life, and was determined to  
how I could get to Cadiz, where I knew I should  
nds, and be further removed from the mortifying  
through which I had so lately passed. Accordingly,  
morning of the fourth day of my landing at Al-  
I repaired to a café, and inquired of one of the  
whether there was an American Consul residing  
ity. The boy seemed intelligent, and instantly  
that Don Horatio Sprague, the former Consul at  
ar, was residing here, and that he was, "un hom-  
bien." I asked for his address, when he called a  
show me the house; so that in fifteen minutes  
was knocking at Mr. Sprague's door, and was  
mitted into his hospitable mansion.

was, of course, surprised to see a man of my ap-  
e walk boldly into his parlor. I soon, however,

was very distant, curtesied with profound respect, and appeared altogether like another person, while the children were shy, and appeared to avoid me. At first I felt hurt at the alteration, but a moment's reflection convinced me that it was quite natural, and I loved them not the less for their distant behaviour : while in my disguise, they looked upon me as one of the family ; but now the circumstances were changed, they regarded me in quite another light ; and I felt for a moment that the artificial rules of society were chilling to a generous heart. Maria told Mr. Leach that she always thought I was a gentleman, and that she was quite happy to serve me.

After making the family suitable presents, I took my leave, promising that they should frequently see me while I remained in Algeciras, which promise I took care rigidly to fulfil.

I was now quite at home with one of the best of men, whose greatest pleasure has ever been to make others happy. His excellent nephew, William Leach, Esq., was also a fine young gentleman, and as we were all Americans together, the most perfect confidence reigned throughout this delightful family. During my stay here, I was amused with a little incident that occurred while at dinner at Mr. Sprague's table. A young English friend came over on Sunday to dine with Mr. S. During dinner, Mr. Sprague asked the young man what was said in Gibraltar about the captain of the American letter-of-marque having made his escape from the garrison. He said that it caused a great deal of excitement and speculation ; some said the lieutenant who had charge of him was very culpable, and even insinuated that there must have been bribery connected with the business ; that it was altogether a very strange affair, that a man

be able, in open daylight, to make his escape from  
ar. After answering many other questions on  
ject, he wound up by saying that the captain  
e a clever man, and for his part he wished him  
eed.

young man had no suspicion that I was an Ameri-  
had any connection with the business. During  
versation, whenever I caught the eye of Mr.  
it was with the greatest difficulty I could com-  
my countenance. Every thing, however, passed  
r well, and we often joked on the subject of the  
simplicity of their young English friend.

ained from day to day at Algeciras, anxiously  
to hear from my two lieutenants, Messrs. De-  
and Allen ; in hopes that they would by some  
be able to make their escape, and not be sent prison-  
ngland. During the day-time I used frequently to  
the country with Mr. Sprague. In the evening  
n made up an agreeable whist party, and, among  
ncial enjoyments, my young friend Leach in-

Algeciras lies in lat.  $36^{\circ} 7'$  North, long.  $5^{\circ} 24'$  West, on the west side of Gibraltar Bay, and distant from that place by water about eight miles ; while to go round the bay by land is about double the distance, say seventeen or eighteen miles. It contains a population of about 4,500 to 5,000 souls, has a good harbor and considerable traffic. It is a very old city, and in ancient times was strongly fortified.

Mr. Sprague\* is a native of Massachusetts, and has long been the American Consul at Gibraltar. He is extensively known and universally beloved and respected. His house has been for many years the seat of a generous hospitality. Although he has resided so long abroad, he has not lost a particle of American feeling, or the ardor of a true patriot. His nephew, Mr. William Leach, is also a worthy, gentlemanly man, of superior abilities, and will ever be remembered by me with deep gratitude.

After remaining in Algeciras about a fortnight, I hired a mule and a guide to proceed with me to Cadiz. My kind friends furnished me with provisions and stores for a journey of two days. I procured a dress such as the peasants wear in this part of Andalusia, and thus prepared, on the morning of the 26th of December, 1814, bade adieu to my two excellent countrymen, from whom I had received so many disinterested favors.

After leaving the town, we travelled about a league on a tolerably smooth road, and then turned off into a winding footpath. I was on the mule, and my guide, a

\* When this narrative was written, Mr. Sprague was alive, but I am sorry to say, he is now dead. Without this explanation, there would be a discrepancy in the relation of this part of my history.



fellow, trudged along on foot, sometimes by my  
sometimes a few yards ahead, and when we came  
both path, I allowed him to ride on the beast be-  
e. The distance from Algeciras to Cadiz is about  
miles, and it was our intention to go to Medina  
up for the night. I soon found we had a very  
e and difficult journey to perform. The whole  
presented a most wild and desolate appearance ;  
it seemed to me that there could have been little  
change in this part of Spain, for the last five or  
hundreds of years. There were no public roads, a very thin  
scattered population, that lived in a wretched state  
of poverty.

Sometimes we travelled through deep and dark ra-  
vines overgrown with trees and bushes : and after  
entering a deep and gloomy dell, where we lost sight  
of the sun at times for a space of half an hour, we  
then commence ascending a high mountain. We  
usually found a time-worn foot-path running in a zigzag  
up these dreary mountains. This mode of

from Algeciras, and were still about the same distance from Medina.

The people of the United States can scarcely believe that an old country like Spain is in such a wretched condition as I found this part of it ; without roads, the land generally uncultivated, without hotels or taverns to accommodate strangers, and infested with robbers and banditti ; even in the vicinity of cities and large towns, there is no safety in travelling without a military guard. This is certainly a gloomy picture of poor Spain—once so great and powerful, now distracted by factions and civil war, divested of the greatest part of her once rich colonies, her government weak, without money and without credit.

There are many causes for this sad downfall, but the principal are, ignorance, idleness, superstition, priest-craft, and bad government.

Oh, happy America ! how glorious art thou among the nations of the earth ! Long may an all-wise Being shower his blessings upon thee, and keep thee from the wiles of superstition and popery !

My guide Manuel said the mule was ready, and he only waited my pleasure to proceed. I said, "Adios, Senor," to our ignorant posadero, and we were again wending our intricate way towards Medina. It is impossible for me to describe the windings and turnings, the up hill and down course of these villainous passages. (I will not call them roads, for they deserve not the name.)

At length we caught sight of the desired city where we were to remain during the approaching night. On beholding Medina I was forcibly struck with the beautiful simile of the Saviour's, that "a city set on a hill cannot be hid." This is literally true with respect to Medi-

stands on a high hill, its walls, churches and houses all plastered and whitened, and it may be seen at distance in every direction. For about a league we reached this elevated city, we came into a more fertile country; we now and then met with patches of cultivated and pasture land, and saw also occasionally a hacienda, with running brooks and marks of civilization.

In the immediate neighborhood of the town, I only saw small stone bridges, which appeared extremely ancient; they were evidently not built in modern times, but were probably erected either by the Romans or Moors, in the olden times, when Spain was subdued by these ancient and once powerful nations. For a distance around the foot of the hill or mountain on which Medina is located, the grounds are pleasantly diversified with olive fields, orange gardens and green meadows, on which herds of cattle were grazing. When we passed through these rural scenes, the weather was very fine, and here we inhaled the light and exhilarating air from the orange groves. What a delightful

contrasted with the wild and savage ravines in the background of the picture. Who can behold such scenes as these and not become a better man, while thus looking through nature up to nature's God? "How wonderful are thy works, O God, in wisdom hast Thou made them all."

My guide led me to a miserable posada to put up for the night. When I asked for a room, I was shown into a dark, gloomy, prison-like place about ten feet square, with a stone floor and but one chair, without a bed or a table, and all I could get from the posadero was a few boiled eggs, with some sour wine. Fortunately, my kind friends in Algeciras had provided stores for myself and guide; so that with the eggs and wine we made a tolerable supper. Being fatigued with the day's ride, I asked for a bed, when a coarse one of straw was brought and spread upon the stone floor, without either blanket, sheet, or pillow. I threw myself upon this bed, and, with my cloak for a covering, was soon asleep, and scarcely awoke until roused at daylight, by my guide, to resume our journey.

Whether Manuel took me to this miserable stopping place from motives of policy—to avoid suspicion and observation—I know not. It is, however, more than probable that there are better lodging-houses for those better acquainted with the town. I had entire confidence in my guide, he being recommended by my kind friends Messrs. Sprague and Leach, and was therefore satisfied. After settling our bill, we were soon on the road descending from the lofty city. I regret I had not an opportunity of seeing more of the town, but as we had not made but half the journey, and Cadiz was still twenty-two miles distant, it was absolutely necessary to hasten our departure. I saw it was a walled town, and was told it con-

about eight or ten thousand inhabitants ; with a castle, two or three churches, five or six monasteries and two hospitals, and that there were several maneries of earthenware, which was principally sold in and Seville.

After leaving Medina, we found the country less mountainous and the roads tolerably good. We passed through several small towns and villages, and as we drew near to Cadiz, were able to purchase the ordinary necessaries of life. Notwithstanding we had only a journey of twenty-two miles from Medina, we did not arrive in Cadiz until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, on the 1st of December, 1814. Here I put up at one of the best hotels for the night. The next morning I breakfasted with and dispatched my guide ; we parted mutually satisfied. I then sallied out in pursuit of my own prey, and soon had the good fortune to meet with my friend, James Haggarty, Esq., a native of Richmond, Virginia. I immediately took lodgings with that gentleman in a private-family which consisted of a

and his amiable family. Mr. Mead, was from Philadelphia, and a resident merchant here at this time. During my stay, I experienced much hospitality both from our worthy Consul and Mr. Mead. The latter gentleman politely gave me a free ticket to his box in the theatre, and rendered me many little civilities, which are always gratifying to a stranger. My friend Haggarty was always ready to negotiate my drafts on Bordeaux or London, so that, as far as personal comfort was concerned, I had nothing to complain of. A few days after my arrival here, I received a letter from my friend William Leach, Esq., informing me that the good old Norwegian, soon after I left Algeciras, came over from Gibraltar to see me, and that he had been unable to learn the fate of my officers. The letter also brought me glad tidings of the victory of General Brown over the British, at Fort Erie, and of the prospect of an early treaty of peace being agreed upon by the ambassadors of the two nations, at Ghent.

On the first of January, 1815, I wrote to my first lieutenant, informing him of my movements since we parted at Gibraltar, and inclosed him a supply of money and the letters of introduction, so kindly given to me by Captain Wise, and Lieutenant Daly, hoping that they might be of use to him and the other officers if they were sent to England.

The Spaniards are a peculiar people, and their character can only be learned by a long residence in their country. An intelligent Spaniard prides himself more on what his country has been, than on what it is at present. He mourns over her fallen greatness, and shrugs his shoulders with a sigh.

The higher classes are extremely romantic, both in love and friendship, and they consider their word fully

to a sealed bond. This high sense of honor sometimes descends even to the highway robber ; for example, I knew a gentleman who was robbed of \$400 (all the money he had with him), on the highway from Seville to Cadiz. He observed that his was a hard case, that he had not sufficient means to defray his expenses back to Seville. The robber observed, " Amigo meo," (how much money sufficient to pay expenses on the road ?) The gentleman replied, " I think about fifteen or twenty dollars." The robber handed him twenty dollars, with a courteous air, and drawing himself up to his full height, said, " Take it, and don't say, on your return to Cadiz, that you met with a robber, who was incapable of a generous action." The ladies also partake of the same characteristic traits ; they are very effeminate and interesting, with soft and pleasing manners, and though so weak and fascinating, are, when roused, perfect heroes in courageous action. At the time of which I am speaking there was a large circus or amphitheatre in the city of Cadiz, spacious enough to accommodate

Spanish character, I think it will readily be conceded that it requires a long residence among them fully to understand their peculiarities. I have been for many years in communication with Spain and her colonies, and have arrived at the conclusion that there is less medium in the Spanish character than among other nations, and that there, the best and the worst people in the world are to be found.

I was living here perfectly at leisure, and, what with the social intercourse of the friendly family with whom I lodged, the theatre and other public amusements, I found the time passed away pleasantly and rapidly.

On the 14th of January I received a warm-hearted letter from my kind and ever obliging friend Horatio Sprague, in which he mentioned that my escape had been the wonder of Gibraltar, that an unremitted search was made for me during three days, both in the city and among the vessels in the bay, and that the noble old Norwegian was fairly infested with midshipmen and others searching after me. Although I was agreeably located in Cadiz, and found many kind friends from whom I had received much hospitality and friendly favors, still I was an idler, and began to tire of such an inactive, useless life ; and as there was no prospect of obtaining a passage home from this place, I decided to take passage in a small Portuguese schooner for Lisbon. This was a coasting vessel, manned with a captain, mate, and ten men, just double the number of men that would be employed to navigate an American vessel of the same size. In this schooner I agreed for a berth in the cabin, and was to furnish my own stores, with the proviso, that the cook should likewise do all the cooking I might require. With this understanding, I purchased a few

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bag of bread, a demijohn of wine, tea, sugar, and other stores, sufficient for fifteen days.

The schooner being ready, I bade adieu to all my friends in Cadiz on the 15th of February, having been on shore just forty-nine days. I sailed out of the city with a heavy heart at parting with so many who were true and faithful. I had a few choice books with me on the passage, and had become so much accustomed to all kinds of life, that I felt I should be able to accommodate myself to almost any condition. I found that the captain was a good disciplinarian, and managed his vessel very well. Although he had never made a foreign voyage, he knew the coast, and conducted his business, and I felt myself fortunate in having fallen into such good hands.

It was the first time I had ever sailed under the Spanish flag, and many of their customs were quite new to me. One peculiarity I never witnessed before. Several times a day the captain summoned every body on board to the quarter-deck ; then they all knelt down, and repeated their prayers.

to us poor sinners, and beseech him to conduct us in safety to our destined port." They were, I should think, some fifteen or twenty minutes occupied in prayer and then returned to their ordinary avocations.

We crept slowly along the shore, and on the 23d of February got safe into Lisbon, after a passage of eight days. I regret that I recollect neither the captain's name nor that of his vessel. I had made so many voyages to this place, that upon landing I felt quite at home, and was soon in the society of many of my own countrymen. I met in Lisbon a New York friend, James L. Kennedy, Esq., who came out to that place supercargo of an American vessel, and was, like myself, very desirous of returning to New York. Mr. Kennedy, during his stay in Lisbon, became acquainted with a Portuguese house in the wine trade. These gentlemen owned a nice little brig of about one hundred and eighty tons burthen, called the *Tres Hermanos*. They loaded her with a cargo of wine, oil, etc., and agreed with him to proceed in her to New York as supercargo, with liberty to return again to Lisbon in the brig, or remain in New York, whichever should suit his interest. She was commanded by a very young man, with but little experience, and had a miserable set of Portuguese sailors. In this brig one of the owners offered me a passage, free from charge, upon condition that I would assist the young captain with my experience and advice. He had never been to the United States, and said he should be very happy to profit by my experience. My friend Kennedy was also very desirous that I should go, and said we should enjoy each other's society, and that would shorten the passage. I must confess I had some serious misgivings on the subject of sailing under the Portuguese flag with an ineffi-

captain and a filthy crew ; but as there was no American vessel to sail for several weeks, and the treaty of peace with Great Britain was not ratified, I concluded to make the passage in this neutral vessel.

Before sailing, the principal owner told the captain to attend to the comfort of Mr. Kennedy and myself, and to treat us with respect, and consult me always on the most judicious course to steer, etc., etc. He promised to comply with the request of the owner, and with complacency said he had no doubt we should be happy together. All these promises he most faithfully broke a few days after we got to sea. I remained in Lisbon just eighteen days, and, on the 13th of March, sailed in the good brig *Tres Hermanos* for New York.

After getting to sea, I was determined not to interfere with the course of the vessel, nor to proffer my advice unless it was called for, and then with the greatest delicacy ; and never, in the slightest degree, made any remark to offend the mates or sailors du-

progress getting to the westward. The brig was in such a filthy condition, that Mr. Kennedy and myself suffered out of measure with one of the plagues of Egypt. The probability is, that before leaving Lisbon the sailors were allowed to sleep in the berths in the cabin, and thus every part of the vessel was overrun with vermin.

By contrary winds and bad management, our passage was prolonged to 58 days. On the 9th of May we took a Sandy Hook pilot, and the same day arrived in New York. I was rejoiced to land once more in the United States, after an absence of sixteen months and twenty-one days.

I cannot leave this brig without warning my friends and countrymen never to take passage across the Atlantic in a Portuguese vessel of any description.

On my return home, I found all my family and friends well. Peace was again restored to the United States.

Seven and a half months after this date, I received a letter from Mr. Henry Allen, the worthy young man, who was second lieutenant with me in the *Leo*, from which I make the following extracts :—

SALEM, *December 24th.*

*Captain George Coggeshall :*

DEAR SIR : If you have seen Mr. Depeyster, he has probably informed you of my unfortunate attempt to escape from Gibraltar.

After waiting about ten minutes, (time I thought sufficient for you to reach the mole), I left the wine shop in the same manner as yourself, and had already passed the two gates, and was on the mole, when I was arrested

the sergeant under whose charge we were, who de-  
clared, in the most severe manner, where you were.  
He said that you must have been on the mole at the  
time. I told him that when you left me, you were going  
to Messrs. Turnbull & Co.'s. He immediately turned  
back and with myself proceeded to the house. After  
leaving it, and passing away about forty-five minutes,  
I suspected I was deceiving him, consequently returned  
me to the mole to make all inquiries, but in vain. He  
gave our description with the officer of the mole. He then  
sent me to the town major, who went immediately  
on horseback to every passage in the garrison with your  
description.

Fortune and my best wishes, however, favored your  
escape.

We were carried to England, and remained till the  
middle of April, then released, and I came home as an  
exchange for one of the cartels.

## CHAPTER IX.

THE PRIVATEER YORK, OF BALTIMORE, RETURNS TO THAT PLACE AFTER A SUCCESSFUL CRUISE ON THE COAST OF BRAZIL, AND AMONG THE ISLANDS IN THE WEST INDIES—THE PRIVATEER PORTSMOUTH CAPTURES THE SHIP JAMES, OF LONDON—THE JAMES ARRIVES AT PORTSMOUTH, N. H.—REMARKS ON PRIVATEERS IN NOVEMBER, 1814—A GREAT MEETING OF MERCHANTS OF LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND, ON THE 9TH OF SEPTEMBER, TO PETITION THEIR GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT THEM AGAINST AMERICAN PRIVATEERS—THE TRUE-BLOODED YANKEE, PRIVATEER, SAILS FROM BREST, ON THE 24TH OF NOVEMBER, 1814, ON A CRUISE IN THE BRITISH CHANNEL—ANECDOTE TO SHOW THE SPIRIT OF THE TIMES—ANECDOTE ABOUT AN AMERICAN AND A BRITISH OFFICER—CAPTURE OF THE BRITISH SHIP ANN DOROTHEA, SENT INTO BOSTON BY THE SARATOGA—CAPTURE OF THE BRIG HIRAM BY THE DAVID PORTER, OF BOSTON—ARRIVAL OF THE GRAND TURK AT SALEM, AFTER A SUCCESSFUL CRUISE—SEVERE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE SAUCY JACK AND TWO BRITISH LETTER-OF-MARQUE SHIPS, OFF ST. DOMINGO—HARD FIGHT, AND CAPTURE OF SEVERAL BRITISH MERCHANTMEN, BY THE KEMP, PRIVATEER OF BALTIMORE—CAPTURE OF THE EAST INDIA SHIP GENERAL WILLOUGHBY BY THE YANKEE, ORDERED FOR CHARLESTON—CRUISE OF THE PRIVATEER HARPY—HER CAPTURE OF THE BRITISH SHIP GARLAND—CAPTURE OF THE ENGLISH EAST INDIA SHIP STAR, BY THE SURPRISE.

THE privateer York, of Baltimore, having returned safe home from a successful cruise on the coast of Brazil, and among the Islands in the West Indies, we find in connection with this fortunate vessel the following remarks, published in a weekly journal at that time :

“ The successful cruises of our privateers, speak in a voice of thunder, and tell Congress how the enemy should be assailed. The prizes of the York, privateer, are worth at least, a million and a half dollars. It is true that the two richest prizes recently captured by the York, may be recaptured by the enemy, still the privateer will reap a plentiful harvest from the spoils with which she is laden.

“ We hope and trust the Navy department will be di-

to fit out fifty such vessels as the York, to cruise during the coming winter, with orders to burn, sink and destroy the enemy's property, which we hope may amount to some fifteen or twenty millions of dollars. Perhaps this is the best way to fight England at sea, at all. We have already reaped a full harvest of glory, and we should now attack the foe in the manner that we can do him the most essential injury." The York did not lose a single man during her cruise of thirteen weeks.

## PRIZES CAPTURED BY PRIVATEERS.

The following prizes were taken by the Surprise, and her crew: brig Queen Charlotte, ship Milnes, brig Lively, ship Prince Regent, brig Willing Maid, brig Polly, ship Sally. The English privateer Lively, 1 gun, was taken, brought into Salem. Ship Caledonia, from England, for Quebec, with dry-goods rum, etc., worth \$50,000, divested her of goods to the value of \$50,000.

the enemy. Soon after she captured the *Caledonia*, the English sailors left on board recaptured her, but fortunately the privateer fell in with her again, took out all the Englishmen, and sent her into Salem.

A St. Johns, Newfoundland paper of Sept. 8th, mentions the capture of several vessels by the *Surprise*, and adds, Captain Sexton, of the *Endeavor*, McFarlane, of the *Caledonia*, Captain Reid, of the *Milnes*, with their crews, were landed this morning from the brig *Traveller*. They speak in the handsomest terms of the politeness and attention they experienced from Captain Barnes and his officers, during the time they were on board the privateer.

Three vessels, captured by the *Shark*, of New York, off the coast of Portugal, and being of little value, were given up. Two others were manned, and ordered for the United States.

Ketch Expedition, with 75 pipes of wine, and 1,150 quintals of barilla, sent into New York by the *Grampus*, of Baltimore.

Schooner —, with dry-goods, sent into Salem by the *Viper*, of that port.

Brig Catherine and William, of London, with dry-goods, prize to the *Grampus*, lost near Beaufort, S. C., on the 20th of Sept.

Cutter Flying Fish, with sweet oil, captured by the *Sabine*, of Baltimore, and sent into a southern port.

Brig Aaron, with wine and codfish, captured by the same, and sent into an eastern port.

Two ships taken by the *Syren*, off the British coast, and destroyed.

The *Steady*, from Bordeaux for Newfoundland, and the *James*, from St. Jean de Luce, taken and burnt, by the *Prince of Neufchâtel*.



Colier, from Cork for Quebec, with a full cargo of provisions, captured by the *Amelia*, of Baltimore, and

*Harmony*, from Alicant, for Newfoundland, with wine, captured by the same, divested of her cargo, and made a cartel of, to relieve her of pri-

*Elizabeth*, from Cork for Newfoundland, captured by the same and burnt.

—, of 8 guns, from Greenock for Newfoundland, with dry-goods and wine, captured by the same, divested of her cargo, and sent into port.

*Amelia* also captured, and ordered into port the *Neptune*, with a valuable cargo. She had a short combat with the *Neptune*, but no person was hurt on either side. When last heard of, she had 32 prisoners on board, who were very troublesome. After manning all her guns, she had only 58 of her crew left.

A *fish schooner* — —, captured by the *Leach*, of Baltimore, divested and given up to the prisoners.

June 5th. — *San Juan*, of Spain, captured by the *Leach*, of Baltimore.

Sloop George, 50 tons, from Milford Haven for Plymouth, with coals, taken by the same, and sunk.

Brig Barewick Packet, from Cork for Bristol, in ballast, with 50 passengers, taken by the same, and made a cartel of.

Brig Sibron, 200 tons 4 guns, from Greenock for Cork, in ballast, captured by the same, and sunk.

Brig Nymph, 150 tons, from St. Jean de Luce for Cork, with dry-goods, etc., captured by the same, divested of the dry-goods ; the rest of the cargo was thrown overboard. The Nymph was then given up to the prisoners.

Brig Albion, 155 tons, 4 guns, from Greenock for Cork, with dry-goods and other valuable articles, captured by the same, divested of her valuable articles, and burnt.

Ship Harmony, 290 tons, 4 guns, from Greenock for Cork, with dry-goods and other valuable articles, captured by the same, divested, and ordered into port. She was retaken by the English a few days after.

Brig Charlotte, 190 tons, 8 guns, from Rio Janeiro, with a cargo of hides, captured by the same, and burnt.

Brig Mary Ann, 103 tons, from St. Johns for Barbadoes, with a cargo of lumber, captured by the same, and burnt.

Ship Neptune, from Greenock for Newfoundland 450 tons burthen, 8 guns, captured by the Amelia, and sent into New York, with an assorted cargo of valuable goods.

Schooner Ann, with sugar and molasses, from Halifax for the new British port of Castine, captured in the following manner : When she sailed, she had on board 4 American seamen, who shipped in Halifax, and when

mouth of the Penobscot river, they rose upon  
ain and the remainder of the crew (6 in num-  
ained them below, secured all the fire-arms on  
nd arrived in safety at Thomastown.

James, from London for Quebec, with dry-goods,  
tured by the Portsmouth, of Portsmouth, and  
of 260 bales and cases of goods, valued at from  
0 to \$300,000, and then ordered into port. The  
r, with her rich spoils safely arrived. The  
the James was invoiced at £100,000, sterling.  
ly arrived at Portsmouth, N. H.

—, captured by the Dash, of Portland, and di-  
f 150 hhds. of rum, and given up. The Dash  
at Wiscasset.

ner —, from Halifax, laden with salmon and  
, sent into Wilmington, N. C., by a letter-of-  
schooner from that port.

STATE OF AFFAIRS AT THIS PERIOD OF THE WAR.

Their beautiful models were imitated and adopted all over the United States. The capital of our wealthy merchants in the the Atlantic cities was liberally employed in building and fitting out privateers against our common enemy ; for, thank God, we had many harbors and places that they could not blockade, notwithstanding their declaration that our ports were blockaded from Maine to Georgia.

Among the privateers fitted out, were some stout vessels, one with 22 long heavy guns, and two others carrying from 20 to 30 guns. In a newspaper of this day, we notice the sailing of five privateers, and the building of three in the neighborhood of Boston—one called the *Reindeer*, pierced for 22 guns—a noble vessel, coppered, built of the best material, and completed in 35 working days. On her cradle, the *Avon*, of the same rate, was laid down to be finished in eighteen working days. They were also building the *Blakely*, of like size and dimensions, to be finished with the same dispatch. In New York they were exceedingly busy with vessels of this kind. And the exertions of individuals, aided by the project lately adopted by Congress, to fit out twenty vessels, which was to be carried into immediate execution, in order to make the enemy feel the war much more sensibly than he had done ; giving a “demonstration” of his inability to defend his own coasts, much less to blockade all the ports of the world. But some measure must be provided to bring in a part of the prisoners they took. The enemy did not acknowledge paroles made at sea, except in some few isolated cases, and held many of our gallant seamen in captivity. These brave fellows should be released to repay favors received. The balance of prisoners of this class would have been greatly in our favor, if one half of those taken had been brought into

There was a real difficulty in doing it, but it  
have been done, one way or another.

## PUBLIC OPINION IN GREAT BRITAIN.

English papers teem with articles about our pri-

Their fears and sufferings magnified their  
s prodigiously ! The master of a vessel who was  
l three times, and as often recaptured, reported  
on, that he had seen no less than ten of these  
things during his voyage ! The Wasp had  
a wonderful sensation ; and the United States  
ren was playing a frightful tune ; she had burnt  
valuable vessels. The schooners were poking  
ves into their very ports, and John Bull, while  
bled most lustily, was sorely mortified, and not  
surprised at their impudence ! Meetings of mer-  
were held at several places to remonstrate  
their depredations ! We notice the proceedings  
pool and Glasgow as samples :

ship-owners, etc., at Liverpool, to consider of a representation to government on the subject of the numerous captures made by American cruisers. Mr. Gladstone proposed an address to the lords of the Admiralty, but after many severe observations that representations had been made to that department without redress, Mr. Clear proposed an address to the Prince Regent, which, after warm opposition on the part of Mr. Gladstone, was carried. The address conveys a censure upon the Admiralty. Subsequently, a counter address to the Admiralty was voted at another meeting, to which Mr. Crocker replied, on the 3d inst., that an ample force had been under the orders of the admirals commanding the western stations; and that, during the time when the enemy's depredations are stated to have taken place, not fewer than three frigates and fourteen sloops were actually at sea, for the immediate protection of St. George's channel, and the western and northern parts of the United Kingdom.

In the memorials of the merchants, etc., of Liverpool, to the Admiralty, complaining of a want of sufficient naval protection against American captures, they speak of privateers destroying vessels as a novel and extraordinary practice, which they say they are informed is promoted by pecuniary rewards from the American government, and they wish measures adopted to prevent, as much as possible, the ruinous effects of this "new system of warfare."

At a very numerous meeting of the merchants, manufacturers, ship-owners, and underwriters, of the city of Glasgow, called by a public advertisement, and held by special requisition to the Lord Provost, on Wednesday, the 7th of September, 1814, the Lord Provost in the Chair, it was [Unani-

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resolved, that the number of American privateers which our channels have been infested, the audacity with which they have approached our coasts, and the with which their enterprise has been attended, proved injurious to our commerce, humbling to us, and discreditable to the directors of the naval force of the British nation, whose flag, till of late, covered every sea, and triumphed over every rival. There is reason to believe, that in the short space of a twenty-four months, above eight hundred vessels have been captured by that power, whose maritime force we have hitherto impolitically held in contempt. At a time when we were at peace with all the rest of the world, when the maintenance of our marine cost a large sum to the country, when the mercantile shipping interests pay a tax for protection, under the name of convoy duty, and when, in the plenitude of our power, we have declared the whole American coast blockaded, it is equally distressing and mortifying to find our ships cannot, with safety, traverse our own

be increased, both to capture with ease and escape with impunity.

“That the system of burning and destroying every article which there is fear of losing—a system pursued by all the cruisers, and encouraged by their own government—diminishes the chances of recapture, and renders the necessity of prevention more urgent.

“That from the coldness and neglect with which previous remonstrances from other quarters have been received by the Admiralty, this meeting reluctantly feels it an imperious duty at once to address the Throne, and that therefore a petition be forwarded to his Royal Highness, the Prince Regent, acting in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, representing the above grievances, and humbly praying that his Royal Highness will be graciously pleased to direct such measures to be adopted, as shall promptly and effectually protect the trade on the coast of this kingdom, from the numerous insulting and destructive depredations of the enemy; and that the Lord Provost be requested to transmit the third petition accordingly.

“That the thanks of this meeting be given to Mr. Ewing, for the ability with which he prepared and introduced the business of this day.

“That the thanks of this meeting be given to the gentlemen who signed this requisition.

“R. FINLAY, PROVOST.”

The True Blooded Yankee, American privateer, has been completely refitted for sea, manned with a crew of 200 men, and sailed from Brest on the 21st of November, supposed for the purpose of cruising in the British Channel. Her orders were to sink, burn and destroy, and not to capture with the intention of sending into



but to divest all prizes of their valuable articles.  
ing this vessel, see appendix.

THE DIVINITY—ANECDOTE TO SHOW THE SPIRIT OF THE  
TIMES.

er is a national punishment for national sins."

English nation is more at war than any other in  
dom." True.

"the bulwark of our holy religion is the great-  
er in Christendom." Undeniable logic.

American officer who carried a flag over to the  
lines, after having dispatched the business of his  
was invited by the commanding British officer

As usual, the wine was circulated, and a British  
being called upon for a toast, gave, "Mr. Madi-  
d or alive;" which the Yankee drank without  
ing to notice it. When it came to the American's  
give a toast, he gave, "the Prince Regent, drunk  
." "Sir," said the British officer, bristling up and  
with anger, "that is an insult." "No, sir," an-

Ships *Urania* and *Anisby*, captured by the same, and also destroyed.

*Eliza*, from Newfoundland for Prince Edward's Island, captured by the same, and given up.

Ship *Dobson* from Cork for Quebec, captured by the same and burnt.

*Sallust*, from England for Quebec, captured by the same, divested, and made a cartel of. The *Sallust* arrived at Liverpool, England.

The *Mammoth*, when last heard of, namely by prisoners, from Liverpool, had been out seven weeks, and made 16 prizes. She cruised 17 days off Cape Clear, Ireland, where several valuable vessels were manned by her for the United States.

English privateer, *Thinks-I-to-Myself*, two guns, 20 men, captured by the *Dash*, of Portland, and taken into that port.

Schooner *Britannia*, in ballast, commanded by Capt. Freeman, late of the privateer *Liverpool Packet*, captured by the *Harpy*, of Baltimore, and burnt.

Brig *Halifax Packet*, from Aberdeen for Halifax, with a valuable cargo of dry-goods, hardware, and sundries, captured by the same, and divested of her richest articles. She arrived at Portsmouth. N. H.

The *Harpy* sailed from Portsmouth, N. H., and returned there after a cruise of twenty days, laden with the choicest spoils of the foe, and sixty prisoners. She also captured the transport ship *Amazon*, 6 guns, 18 men, an elegant vessel, from London for Halifax, with a cargo of provisions. Also, the transport ship *Budges*, 440 tons, six 18-pound carronades, with a large cargo of rum, brandy, beef, pork, flour and bread—both of which were manned and ordered into port. Among the prisoners brought in, are two majors, and several other

. These two vessels belonged to the fleet that sailed from Portsmouth, England. The prizes of booty, may be moderately valued at \$400,000 to 500,000.

Prize-ship Prince Regent, 380 bbls. alewives and a quantity of salmon, sent into Portland by the privateer of that place.

British privateer Retaliation, 5 guns, 20 men, captured near Barnstable, Massachusetts, by the sloop Two Brothers, fitted out for the occasion, and manned by volunteers. By good management she was taken by complete surprise, and carried by boarding, without resistance.

Prize-ship Two Brothers, laden with fish, captured by the sloop Ammono, and burnt.

Uniza, for Merimachi, in ballast, captured by the sloop Ammono, and burnt.

Sarah, from Cork for Merimachi, with 600 bbls. of fish, captured by the same, and burnt.

Sir Home Popham, with fruit, captured by the

300 prisoners. The privateer arrived at Portsmouth, N. H., full of rich spoils from the enemy.

The valuable brig *Europa*, armed with 8 eighteen-pound carronades, 2 long-nines, and 22 men, with 175 tons of sweet oil, etc., sent into a southern port by the *Patapsco*, of Baltimore. She was from Malta for London, before she was captured.

Brig *Canada*, 10 guns, from Bermuda, laden with 300 puncheons of rum, sent into Wilmington, N. C., by the *Lawrence*, of Baltimore.

The English brig *William* from the Coast of Africa, laden with 194,087 pounds of gum, estimated to be worth fifty or sixty thousand dollars, was captured and sent into Newbern, N. C., by a Baltimore privateer, whose name is not given.

Ship *Ann Dorothy*, cargo of hides and tallow, sent into Boston by the *Saratoga* of New York. A valuable prize. This vessel was captured by the *Saratoga*, recaptured by the *Maidstone* frigate, re-captured by the *David Porter*, and is now satisfactorily accounted for. Her cargo afforded a clear profit to the captors of from \$100,000 to \$120,000. A very clever affair.

The *Saratoga* privateer returned, after a cruise of 110 days, during which she captured : schr. *Mary*, brig *Swiftsure*, schr. *James*, ship *Ann Dorothy*, and ship *Enterprise*, all of which were manned and ordered for the United States. The privateer also brought into port a quantity of indigo, ivory, and furs—all valuable goods taken from the enemy.

The privateer *Syren*, of Baltimore, returning from a cruise, was chased off New York, and was lost on making the Delaware, November 16th, being run ashore by the pilot ; where she was attacked by three barges, from a *razee* at anchor, which were kept at bay for two hours ;

ing no chance of escape, the privateer was set on fire, her crew (only 20 in number, with 6 prisoners on board), reached the New Jersey shore in safety. One of the enemy's barges is said to have sunk. The Syren had captured and manned several valuable vessels.

The Hiram, from Liverpool, last from Cork, with a cargo from which she separated in a gale, bound for St. Louis, with a cargo of dry-goods, crockery, cordage, &c., was captured by the David Porter, of Boston, divested of her cargo to the value of \$100,000, and given up.

The David Porter arrived at Boston, with her rich cargo, after a cruise of only 15 days, during which she had captured the Hiram and two brigs, which she ordered to be burnt.

The Susan and James, and schooner Retrieve, captured by the Fox of Portsmouth, and burnt.

The Concord, captured by the same, and made a cargo of wine, to disembarass her of her prisoners.

The Cossack, laden with wine, sent into Boston, by the privateer of Baltimore. This vessel had been cap-

103 days, with 44 of her original crew (the rest being on board her prizes), and fifty prisoners.

Beside the above, she captured seven or eight other vessels, one with an invoice of £30,000, sterling, all of which were manned and ordered for United States. The Grand Turk had on board goods to the value of \$20,000.

Schooner Mary, from Halifax, with mackerel, captured by the Surprise and sunk.

Schooner Bird, from Newfoundland for the West Indies, with fish, captured by the Grand Turk, and sent into Salem.

Ship Ocean, 380 tons, of and for London, laden with a cargo of masts, 35 bowsprits for men-of-war, and a quantity of timber and lumber, sent into Salem by the General Putnam, of Salem. This privateer was subsequently captured by the English.

Schooner Georgiana, from Martinico, for Newfoundland, with rum and sugar, sent into port by the Grand Turk.

Sloop —, captured by the Scorpion of Salem, mounting one gun, and sent into that port.

Schooner —, taken by the same and destroyed.

Schooners Eugene and Stinger, captured by the Midas, of Baltimore, divested and destroyed.

Schooner Betsey and Jane, from St. Johns, for Castine, with one hundred and nineteen packages of dry-goods, valued at \$150,000, brought into Thomastown by the Cadet, of Salem.

Brig —, laden with fish, sent into port by the letter-of-marque, Jonquille, of New York.

Sloop —, from St. Lucia, captured by the Saucy Jack, divested and given up to the prisoners.

Schooner —, taken by the same, divested and given up ; being of little value.

oner Kingston, packet, captured by the same, and  
tender of.

o Cyrus, captured by said tender, and burnt.

o Jane, with provisions, captured by the Saucy  
vested and given up to the prisoners.

Amelia, four long guns, and eight 12 pound  
ades, with a rich cargo of dry-goods, captured by  
cy Jack, after a severe engagement of an hour.  
ivateer had one killed and one wounded ; the  
four killed and five wounded.

Saucy Jack also captured on this cruise the  
schooner Weasel, laden with provisions, and sent  
o St. Mary's.

oner Jane, from Jamaica, bound for St. Johns,  
ndland, laden with rum and sugar, was also  
ed by the Saucy Jack, and sent into Savannah.  
ivateer had arrived with a full cargo of Brit-  
ds valued at \$15,000, taken out of her prize—the

of soldiers. The Saucy Jack, on perceiving this, immediately sheered off, when the two ships continued to chase her until a quarter before 8 o'clock, pouring in at the time a constant fire of grape and musketry ; it was 8 o'clock before the schooner got out of reach of the enemy's guns. In this engagement the Saucy Jack had eight men killed, and fifteen wounded ; received two balls in her hull, and her spars and rigging were very much cut up.

ENGLISH ACCOUNT OF THE SAME ACTION.

*"Kingston, Jamaica, Nov. 2d.*—Yesterday morning, the Volcano, bomb-ship, Captain Price, and transport ship Golden Fleece, from the Chesapeake, having on board 250 troops, appeared in the offing, but from the baffling winds were not enabled to reach Port Royal, at the time this paper was put to press.

"On Sunday night, about 12 o'clock, off Navassa Island, the Volcano perceived a schooner standing towards her, which fired several shot, which were returned. The Volcano shortened sail, in order that the schooner might approach her. At about eight o'clock the following morning, she was ascertained to be a large black vessel, with white streaks ; she ran alongside, and attempted to board, but finding the Volcano was not a merchantman, she endeavored to sheer off, at which time several volleys of musketry and great guns were discharged at her, that swept her deck, and killed most of those who endeavored to board, when the remainder were seen to run below. The Volcano then chased her for three miles, but perceiving no probability of coming up with her, relinquished the pursuit. During the contest a very enterprising officer of the marine-artillery, lieutenant W. P. Futzen, and two seamen were killed, and two



bunded. The privateer had in company a Bala-  
hooner, which did not attempt to afford her any  
ace ; she mounted six carriage guns, and one on a  
and was full of men."

## PRIZES CAPTURED BY PRIVATEERS.

Louisa, laden with salt and tin, captured by the  
onian of Portsmouth, divested of the tin, and

ish brig Britannia, from St. Johns, N. B., for  
ool, laden with 195 tons of ship timber, and  
other articles was captured by the Macedonian,  
ent.

Macedonian also captured the British ship Sir  
l Pellew, burthen 307 tons, 2 guns, and 19 men.  
s in ballast, and not worth sending into port, the  
er destroyed her.

Macedonian also captured three other British  
on this cruise, two of them she manned and or-  
nto the United States. The other, the schooner

The British schooner Hazard, from Halifax, bound for Annapolis, Nova Scotia, laden with West India produce, and a quantity of English goods of considerable value, was captured by the Surprise, of Baltimore, and after divesting her of the most valuable part of her cargo, destroyed her.

A SHORT AND VERY SUCCESSFUL CRUISE, MADE BY THE PRIVATEER SCHOONER KEMP, OF BALTIMORE, UNDER THE COMMAND OF CAPTAIN JACOBS.

The Kemp sailed from Wilmington, N. C., on a cruise to the West Indies, November 29th, 1814.

On the 1st of December, at 8 P. M., two days after leaving port, while in the Gulf Stream, she descried a small fleet of merchant ships, and made sail in chase. At 12 meridian, got near enough to ascertain they were eight in number, and under convoy of a frigate. They were then in lat.  $32^{\circ} 32'$  N., long,  $77^{\circ} 0'$  W.

Soon after noon, the frigate gave chase to the schooner and drove her away from the fleet. Captain Jacobs made short tacks to windward, and drew the frigate away from his convoy, in pursuit of the Kemp.

During the night, the privateer dodged the frigate, and saw no more of her.

Early next morning, she steered to the eastward, in pursuit of the fleet.

She soon discovered them again, bearing N.N.E. on the weather beam, the wind being north.

On the 3d of December, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, the Kemp drew near the fleet, which consisted of three ships, three brigs and two schooners—all drawn up in a line prepared for action.

At 2 P.M. they bore away for the privateer, and, as

respectively passed, commenced firing upon her in  
a. She reserved her fire, and tacked. While  
through their line, she opened her whole arma-  
upon the enemy, which soon threw them into con-

half-past 2 p. m., she boarded one of the brigs and  
ed her without loss, except one seaman being  
ed.

whole of the enemy's vessels continued to fire  
he Kemp with considerable spirit, which was as  
returned.

p. m., fell on board the ship *Rosabella*, when Mr.  
first lieutenant, with Mr. Sellers, sailing-master,  
ght seamen, succeeded in capturing her, without  
the part of the privateer. Three men were  
ed on board the *Rosabella*.\*

u in the act of boarding one of the schooners, she  
and cried out for quarters.

privateer then attacked the largest of the brigs,  
ter a contest of fifteen or twenty minutes, she

fifty-three of whom she brought into port. The remainder were left on board the prizes.

The aggregate force of the enemy was 46 guns and 134 men.

The Kemp had one man (John Irwin) killed. Four who were wounded soon recovered.

The prizes were valuable vessels, laden mostly with sugar and coffee.

They were all sent into Charleston, Wilmington, and other southern ports.

This cruise only lasted six days, but was a very profitable one for the captors, and all others concerned in the fortunate schooner Kemp and her gallant captain, officers and crew.

#### PRIZES CAPTURED BY PRIVATEERS.

Brig Courtney, 200 tons, with an assorted cargo, sent into Fairhaven, by the Yankee, of Bristol, R. I. The invoice of this vessel amounted to \$200,000.

Schooner Polly, from Halifax, for Martinique, with fish, sent into Boston by the Dash, of Portland.

Schooner Swift, laden with fish and lumber, from St. Johns, for Granada, captured by the Expedition, of Baltimore, and sent into ——. The Expedition had taken three other prizes.

Ship L'Aimable, from Havana, under Spanish colors, sent into Wilmington, N. C., by the Roger, of Norfolk ; cargo, sugar.

Schooner —, with a valuable cargo, sent into Beaufort, by the Hero, of Newbern.

Schooner Mary, from St. Johns, for Castine, with a rich cargo of dry-goods, captured by the Cadet, of Salem ; divested, manned, and arrived in port. The privateer safely arrived, with her rich spoils, at Thomas-

This prize was under convoy of an armed  
ner, with whom the privateer Charles Stewart had  
t, but seeing the Cumberland privateer coming up,  
supposing she might be a British vessel, the Charles  
st sheered off. The Cumberland engaged the  
shman, and was beaten off, with the loss of one  
and one wounded; but the convoyed schooner  
(Mary) was afterwards taken, and served as above  
, by the Cadet.

## AMERICAN PRIVATEERS IN THE EAST INDIES.

London, November 26th.—The East India Company's  
Adele, has been captured by an American priva-  
off Pontana. Other privateers were cruising off  
east of Sumatra.

learn by the news from Batavia, July 27th, 1815,  
an embargo was laid by the government, to prevent  
ant ships from falling into the hands of American  
eers, who had captured many vessels in that neigh-  
od, and also on the coast of Sumatra.

Sloop Mary, for Bermuda, with a variety of British goods, captured by the same, and made a cartel of.

The Dash safely reached Portland, laden with various articles, worth from \$40,000 to \$50,000.

Schooner —, with an assorted cargo, from Halifax, for Castine, taken by the Fame, of Thomastown, and sent into that port.

Sloop Eliza, captured by the Caroline, and burnt.

Schooner Mariner, dry-goods, captured by the same, divested and made a cartel of.

The privateer schooner Caroline, of Baltimore, captured the British brig Stephen, 14 guns and 30 men, from St. Thomas, bound for Curacoa, laden with fine English goods. After taking out all the valuable part of the cargo, the privateer gave her up to the prisoners. The Caroline subsequently arrived safe at Wilmington, N. C., with a full cargo of valuable British goods.

Sloop Trinidad, with coffee, hides and logwood, captured by the letter-of-marque, Jonquil, divested and burnt.

The Jonquil arrived at Beaufort, with a valuable cargo, nine days from Port-au-Prince.

Brig Equity, from Greenock, for Quebec, laden with an assorted cargo, taken by the Orlando, of Gloucester, and sent into Boston.

Brig Lord Wellington, from Halifax, for Havana, captured by the letter-of-marque Diamond, of Baltimore, on her voyage from Havana to New York. The Diamond gave up her prize to the crew and some Spanish passengers, and let her proceed on her voyage.

Brig Margaret, from Lisbon, for England, with a full cargo of Lisbon wine, captured off the British coast, by the Young Wasp, of Philadelphia, and sent into that port.

Hero, of 610 tons, 14 guns and 27 men, from  
x, for Jamaica, laden with fish and lumber, cap-  
by the Ino, of Boston, and sent into that port.  
Hero struck without firing a gun.

Schooner Nancy, from Poole, for Newfoundland, 250  
with an assorted cargo of bale goods, provisions,  
captured by the same, partially divested of her rich-  
ods, and ordered into port.

sch Caroline, under Danish colors, from London to  
n, taken by the same, divested of a quantity of dry-  
as British property, and allowed to proceed on  
oyage.

g Susannah, from St. Andrews for Barbadoes,  
lumber, captured by the Amelia, and made a car-

ish schooner Mary, formerly the Climax, of Bal-  
e, 16 guns and 12 men, captured by the same, af-  
long chase, and sent into Philadelphia.

ish brig Pallas, formerly the French privateer  
Souci, 8 guns, 21 men, with a cargo of fish, cap-

carried but 6 guns, and seventy five men. The captured vessels amounted to 2,270 tons, 112 prisoners, and 32 carriage guns. She was frequently chased by the enemy, and once for fifty-three hours, but was fortunate enough to evade all her pursuers, and finally made an excellent cruise.

The East India ship *General Wellesley*, 16 guns, 86 men, 500 tons, coppered, and found in the best manner, with a valuable cargo of 18,000 bars of iron, etc., etc., outward bound, namely, for Calcutta, separated from her convoy, and was captured by the privateer *Yankee*, after a running fight. She was manned and ordered to proceed to Charleston, but unfortunately, while entering that port, she was lost on the bar. Her original crew consisted of 36 Englishmen, 50 Lascars, all of whom were drowned, but seven. Two of the prize crew were also lost; the *Yankee* was left in pursuit of a fleet of twenty sail. This valuable ship being wrecked on the bar, was doubtless a great disappointment to her captors.

British brig —, 170 tons, a valuable vessel, from Castine for Jamaica, laden with fish and lumber, brought into —, by the *Paul Jones*.

Cutter *Eliza* and *Peggy*, from Malaga for London, with fruit, captured by the *Lawrence* of Baltimore, divested of part of her cargo, and made a cartel of, to get rid of prisoners.

Cutter *Dart*, with a cargo of wine, raisins, etc., from Malaga, captured by the same, divested of a portion of her cargo, and burnt.

Ship *Christian*, from Faro for London, with a full cargo, taken by the same privateer, and burnt.

Schooner *Atalanta*, from Halifax for Martinique, with fish, taken by the same, and burnt.



The privateer *Lawrence*, arrived at New York on the 1st of January. During her cruise, she took 13 prizes, 10 of which were manned; some of them very valuable. The vessel she gave up to the prisoners as a cartel. She had 106 prisoners, but brought in only 15. Her prizes aggregated amounted to more than 3,000 tons. She also brought in a quantity of English goods.

The British brig *Lord Wellington*, with fish and lumber, captured by the Expedition, of Baltimore, and

The English schooner *Goldfinder* (formerly belonged to New York), with salt, captured by the *Young Wasp*, of Philadelphia, and sent into Elizabeth City, N. C.

The transport, with 250 troops, from Halifax for Castine, was chased ashore near the latter place by three privateers and lost. The troops, however, got safely to land, and marched to Castine.

The top Governor Hodgdon, with a few cases of English goods and hats, some cordage, white lead, etc., captured the *Dash*, of Portland, divested, and given up to the

English schooner *Nine Sisters*, from Lisbon for Liverpool, with a cargo of fruit, captured by the same and burnt.

British brig *Louisa*, from Gibraltar for Greenock, with a cargo of wine, figs, raisins, etc., was also captured by the *Harpy*, divested of part of her goods, and manned for the United States.

LOSS OF THE PRIVATEER-BRIG *ARROW*, CAPTAIN CONKLIN, OF  
NEW YORK.

It is with sincere regret that I herewith record the total loss of the beautiful privateer-brig *Arrow*. She sailed from New York the 14th January, 1815, on a cruise to the West Indies. She mounted 14 guns, and had a complement of 150 men. She was well equipped and supplied with everything necessary for a long cruise, but, sad to relate, no tidings were ever received from this vessel after she left port. She being heavily sparred, it was conjectured that she was capsized at sea, or run under while chased by an enemy.

SUCCESS OF THE PRIVATEER *HARPY*.

English ship *William and Alfred*, from London, for Antigua, with dry-goods and plantation utensils, was captured by the *Harpy*, divested of her dry-goods, manned, and ordered for the United States.

Ship *Jane*, from London, for Antigua, laden with provisions for government account, captured by the same. After taking out a portion of her cargo, and destroying the remainder, gave her up to the prisoners to proceed to a British port as a cartel.

The *Harpy* also captured the valuable ship *Garland*, with a full cargo of rum and sugar, which ship arrived at Salem.

Harpy arrived at Salem in April, 1815. She had a valuable cargo of rich merchandize of every description, taken from several of her prizes, made while cruising on the coast of England, in the Bay of Biscay, along the coasts of Spain and Portugal. Here follows a memorandum of the goods, namely, 118 boxes of soap, and 116 hhds. and casks of dry-goods, jewelry, ladies' rich dresses, navy trimmings, rich linens, etc., 330 boxes fresh Malaga raisins, 66 fraills of turkey figs, 158 pieces British manufactured goods, 1000 lbs of canvas, a quantity of cordage, 10 pipes of port wine, 3 bbls. of powder, carronades, muskets, bayonet cutlasses, sails, signal flags, lamp and paint oil, and patent sheet lead, nautical instruments, cut glass, medicines, and sundry other articles; the value of the cargo toward of £100,000, sterling, in British Treasury bills and bills of exchange.

She was frequently chased, but escaped with ease. She was at sea 85 days, and cruised off the coast of Ireland, the British Channel, Bay of Biscay, etc. She

Stepney Green, near London. Given under my hand, on board the Harpy, at sea, this day, 6th of January, 1815.

" WILLIAM DRYSDALE,  
Late Captain of the Ship William and Alfred."

"We, the undersigned, feeling congenial sentiments with Captain Drysdale, toward Captain Nichols, Lieutenant Place and the officers on board the Harpy; and desirous that such humanity and goodness may be made public, as well in the United States as in England, declare that our treatment is worthy of every praise and encomium; and that all our private property has been held sacred to us, and a cartel fitted for us as early as circumstances would permit.

" GEO. HARRISON,

" W. NEWELL,

" J. W. HALL,

" ANDREW MCCARTHY.

Late Masters of Vessels taken by the Harpy."

#### PRIZES CAPTURED BY PRIVATEERS.

Brig Courtney, from London, for Rio Janeiro, with dry-goods, copper, etc., captured by the Yankee, divested of her richest articles and manned for the United States.

Ship St. Andrew, 8 guns, from London for Teneriffe, captured by the same, and sent to the United States.

Brig Speculator, captured by the Yankee, and made a cartel of, to disembarass her of her prisoners.

Brig Patriot, from Prince Edward's Island, with timber, sent into Charleston by the Brutus of Boston.

Brig Dantzic, sent into an eastern port, by the Paul Jones, of New York.

Peter, from Messina, for London, a very valuable  
sent into North Carolina by the Lawrence, of  
ore; she had a full cargo of valuable mer-  
e.

John, from Liverpool for Leghorn, with a cargo  
goods and hardware, captured by the Perry of  
ore, divested of many valuable articles; manned,  
lered into any port in the United States.

Nancy, from Malaga, for London, with fruit,  
ed by the same and made a cartel of.

Perry arrived in the Delaware about the 1st of  
with a full cargo of chosen spoils, after having made  
al cruise. She was chased some eight or ten times  
s, sloops-of-war, frigates, and razees, but laughed  
all; except once, when close in on the coast, she  
receive the fire of a razee, from which she escap-  
ugh much cut up in her hull and sails. She was  
that the shot from the ship frequently reached  
t though so hardly pressed, she finally escaped.  
three masted schooner —, captured by the

The York, of Baltimore, arrived at Boston in April, 1815, after a very unsuccessful cruise, having captured only one vessel, which was immediately retaken. She suffered exceedingly by gales of wind ; in one of which she lost overboard four seamen, with several guns, anchors, etc., etc.

Ship Mary, 246 tons, 6 guns, from Newfoundland, for Lisbon, laden with fish, captured by the Little George, of Boston, and sent into Marblehead. The Mary was a very fine vessel.

English brig ——, with liquor and dry-goods, sent into Ocracock, by the Kemp, of Baltimore.

Sloop Enterprise, from Guernsey, for Madeira, with dry-goods and flour, captured by the Whig of Baltimore, divested of her cargo, and given up to the prisoners.

Brigs Brunswick and Race Horse, and schooner Britannia, captured by the same and burnt.

British schooner Lucy Ann, captured by the Surprise, and made a cartel of, to get rid of prisoners.

Brig Forth, from Halifax, for Pictou, in ballast, captured by the same, and burnt.

Two vessels laden with fish, oil and coal, captured by the Ranger, and burnt.

English ship ——, a collier, captured off the coast of England by the Ranger, of Boston, and burnt.

English brig Athill, 8 guns, from the Mediterranean, bound to England, with a valuable cargo, was captured by the Lawrence of Baltimore, and sent into Brest, France.

I find it stated, that on the 24th of December, 1814, the Baltimore privateer Surprise was at Brest, and there fired a salute, which was answered by the French admiral with 11 guns.

On the 9th of January, 1815, the Surprise sailed from port, bound on a cruise.

Five days after leaving port, viz., on the 14th of January, the privateer was chased for several hours by a ship-of-war, who fired fifty guns at her, but to no effect. She was fortunate enough to make her escape during the night, and proceeded on her

BETWEEN THE SURPRISE AND THE BRITISH SHIP STAR—  
CAPTURE OF THE STAR.

While cruising in lat.  $24^{\circ} 10'$  North, long.  $35^{\circ} 50'$  on the 28th of January, the Surprise, at 11 in the forenoon, saw a sail on her lee quarter. The wind being light, the privateer manned her and kept away for the strange sail.

Half-past 12 meridian, being within gun-shot, the vessel set English colors. The privateer hoisted her own colors, when the action commenced on both

and had her fore-mast and fore-top-mast wounded by round shot.

The privateer removed from the *Star* a considerable portion of her cargo, and then put a prize-master and mate, with eighteen seamen on board, and proceeded in company with her towards New York.

On the 26th of February, while drawing near the coast, the *Surprise* separated from her prize in a snow-storm. They both subsequently arrived safe at New York with the whole of this valuable cargo.

The portion brought in by the privateer was valued at \$150,000.

The entire cargo of the *Star* was estimated at \$300,000.

It consisted of the following articles : 1,180 bags of sugar, 5,021 bags of coffee, 45 tubs of camphor, 297 bags of sago, 224 cwt. of sapan-wood, 22 bales of nan-keens, 83 cases of cinnamon, and 45 cases of tortoise-shell.

The English three-masted schooner *George*, from Rio Grande, Africa, to Goree, with timber, captured by the *David Porter*, and made a cartel of, to get rid of prisoners.

British brig —, with fish and oil, sent into Portsmouth, by the *Champlain*, privateer.

Brig *Susanna*, of Liverpool, 200 tons burthen, coppered, with a full cargo, captured on her voyage from Havana, for England, by the *Sine-qua-non* privateer, of Boston, and sent into Portsmouth, N. H. The *Susanna* was under Spanish colors, and was called the *Antonia*, but her true name and character were afterward discovered ; and both vessel and cargo proved to be English.

Brig *Flying Fish*, 240 tons, coppered, with a rich



captured on her voyage from London to Trieste, David Porter, and sent into New Bedford; valued at from \$150,000 to \$200,000. The Fly was a brig 110 feet on deck, and in every way a vessel.

An English packet brig Lady Mary Pelham, mounted with 18 guns and 25 men, was captured by the Kemp, at New York, and sent into Wilmington, N. C. The Kemp opposed the privateer with a manly spirit, until she had killed one man, and eight wounded, when she surrendered to the Kemp, which vessel had one man killed and three wounded.

ACCOUNT OF AN AMUSING CHASE BY AN ENGLISH FRIGATE  
THE PRIVATEER WARRIOR, CAPTAIN CHAMPLIN, OF NEW

On the 15th of December, Captain Champlin made the capture of the frigate of Fayal, and at 8 o'clock in the morning, while entering the harbor, he saw an English frigate there at anchor.

threw overboard all his lee guns with shot and other heavy articles.

After having lightened his vessel, he made sail and dodged the enemy during the night, and thus made his escape.

TRUE MAGNANIMITY.

The following statement was extracted from a London paper, called the *Aurora*, dated December 1st, 1814 :

"MR. EDITOR : You will please a great number of your readers in Great Britain, who are zealous in spreading the Divine Gospel all over the earth, by showing them that there are some American citizens who are willing to unite with us in sending Missionaries to all parts of the globe.

The Rev. Mr. Benson read the following note, which was transmitted to him by one of his brethren in Wales :

A few weeks since, a trading vessel, laden with corn, from Cardigan, in Wales, was taken in the channel by an American privateer. When the captain of the latter entered the cabin to survey his prize, he espied a small box with a hole in the top, similar to that which tradesmen have in their counters, through which they drop their money, on which the words "Missionary box" were inscribed. On seeing this, the American captain seemed not a little astonished, and addressed the Welsh captain nearly as follows : "Captain, what is this?" pointing to the box with his stick. "Oh!" replied the honest Cambrian, heaving a sigh, "'tis all over now!" "What?" said the American captain. "Why, the truth is," said the Welshman, "that I, and my poor fellows, have been accustomed, every Monday morning, to drop a penny each into that box, for the purpose of sending

missionaries to preach the gospel to the heathen ;  
is all over now." " Indeed ! " answered the  
can captain, " that is very good." After pausing  
minutes, he said : " Captain, I'll not hurt a hair  
r head, nor touch your vessel," and immediately  
ed, leaving the owner to pursue his course to his  
d port."

## CHAPTER X.

DESPERATE BATTLE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES SHIP HORNET, CAPTAIN BIDDLE, AND THE BRITISH SLOOP-OF-WAR PENGUIN—REMARKS ON THE BATTLE—CAPTURE OF THE BRIG LADY TROWBRIDGE BY THE PRIVATEER INO, OF BOSTON—LOSS OF THE INO OFF CHARLESTON BAR—CAPTURE OF THE SHIP MARY AND SUSAN, BY THE CHASSEUR—CAPTURE OF THE SHIP ADVENTURE BY THE SAME VESSEL—SENT INTO CHARLESTON—EXTRACT FROM THE LOG-BOOK OF THE PRIVATEER MC. DONOUGH—INTERESTING CRUISE OF THE PRIVATEER YOUNG WASP—CAPTURE OF THE BRITISH SHIP ARABELLA, OF CALCUTTA, BY THE SHIP RAMBLER OF BOSTON—CAPTURE OF THE PACKET-SHIP ELIZABETH, AFTER A SHORT BATTLE, BY THE LETTER-OF-MARQUE JACOB JONES, OF BOSTON—CAPTURE OF THE PRIVATEER HYDER-ALI, IN THE EAST INDIES, BY THE BRITISH FRIGATE OWEN GLENDOWER—CAPTAIN BOYLE'S CRUISE IN THE BRITISH CHANNEL, IN THE PRIVATEER CHASSEUR—A LIST OF PRIZES MADE BY CAPTAIN BOYLE—CAPTAIN BOYLE'S BURLESQUE BLOCKADE—CAPTURE OF HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SCHOONER ST. LAWRENCE, BY CAPTAIN BOYLE, IN THE CHASSEUR—ARRIVAL OF CAPTAIN BOYLE AT BALTIMORE IN THE PRIVATEER CHASSEUR, AFTER A SUCCESSFUL CRUISE IN THE WEST INDIES—THE AUTHOR'S ADMIRATION OF CAPTAIN BOYLE AND HIS GALLANT EXPLOITS.

REMARKS ON THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES SHIP HORNET, J. BIDDLE, COMMANDER, AND THE BRITISH SLOOP-OF-WAR PENGUIN, CAPTAIN DICKENSON, ON THE 25TH OF MARCH, 1815, NEAR THE ISLAND OF TRISTAN D'ACUNHA.

I have selected this action from among many others, because I believed the two vessels as nearly equal, both in men and guns, as could possibly be chosen from the navies of their respective countries. Consequently, I think this action a very fair test between Young America and Old England, in point of seamanship, skill, and bravery. I consider this one of the fairest and best fought battles, on both sides, that occurred during the war.

In some of the other naval battles fought between single American and British ships, it so happened that the force of the American vessels was slightly superior

and guns to the English ; but in this instance, I the English will not raise that objection, but on the contrary, acknowledge it without a cavil, to have a fair-fought action, and a decided victory in favor of the American ship.

These two sloops-of-war had, previous to their meeting, been wishing and seeking for an opportunity to distinguish themselves by gaining a decisive battle over the vessels of their respective countries, in an honorable combat on the broad ocean.

When the Penguin hove in sight, and the two belated parties understood the character of each other, their hearts beat high with hope for a glorious vic-

The Penguin bore up, and ran off a little, to get clear of the Hornet. At the same time, the Hornet, being a little to windward, backed her main-top-sail, and waited for her antagonist to come down, that they might commence the

As the two ships neared each other, the Penguin

for the land. I immediately made sail for the westward, and shortly after getting in sight of her again, perceived her to bear up before the wind. I hove-to for him to come down to us. When she had approached near, I filled the main-top-sail, and continued to yaw the ship, while she continued to come down, wearing occasionally to prevent her passing under our stern. At forty minutes past one P. M., being nearly within musket-shot distance, she hauled her wind on the starboard tack, hoisted English colors, and fired a gun. We immediately luffed-to, hoisted our ensign, and gave the enemy a broadside. The action being thus commenced a quick and well-directed fire was kept up from this ship, the enemy gradually drifting nearer to us, when at five minutes to 2 o'clock he bore up apparently to run us on board. As soon as I perceived he would certainly fall on board, I called the boarders, so as to be ready to repel the attempt. At the instant every officer and man repaired to the quarter-deck, where the two vessels were coming in contact, and eagerly pressed me to permit them to board the enemy; but this I would not permit, as it was evident, from the commencement of the action, that our fire was greatly superior both in quickness and in effect. The enemy's bowsprit came in between our main and mizzen rigging, on our starboard side, affording him an opportunity to board us, if such was his design, but no attempt was made. There was a considerable swell on, and as the sea lifted us ahead, the enemy's bowsprit carried away our mizen-shrouds, stern davits and spanker-boom, and he hung upon our larboard quarter. At this moment an officer, who was afterwards recognized to be Mr. McDonald, the first lieutenant, and the then commanding officer, called out that they had surrendered.

ted the marines and musketry-men to cease firing, while on the taffrail asking if they had surrendered, he received a wound in the neck. The enemy just then came to the rear of us, and his fore-mast and bowsprit being shot away, and perceiving us wearing to give him a fresh side, he again called out that he had surrendered.

With difficulty I could restrain my crew from firing into him again, as he had certainly fired into us before having surrendered. From the firing of the first shot to the last time the enemy cried out he had surrendered, was exactly twenty-two minutes by the watch.

It proved to be his Britannic Majesty's brig *Penelope*, mounting 16 thirty-two-pound carronades, two twelve-pound carronades, a twelve-pound carronade on the top-gallons, and a twelve-pound carronade on the fore-castle, with swivels on the capstan and in the fore-top.

She had a spare port forward, so as to fight both sides with her long guns of a side. She sailed from England in the month of November. She was shorter upon deck than this ship by two feet, but she had a greater length of keel, a greater breadth of beam, thicker sides, and higher bulwarks.

removed the prisoners, and taken on board such provisions and stores as would be useful to us, I scuttled the Penguin this morning, before daylight, and she went down. As she was completely riddled by our shot, her foremast and bowsprit both gone, and her mainmast so crippled as to be incapable of being secured, it seemed unadvisable, at this distance from home, to attempt sending her to the United States.

This ship did not receive a single round shot in her hull, nor any material wound in her spars ; the rigging and sails were very much cut, but having bent a new suit of sails, and knotted and secured our rigging, we are now completely ready in all respects, for any service. We were eight men short of complement, and had nine upon the sick list the morning of the action.

Enclosed is a list of the killed and wounded. I lament to state that Lieutenant Conner is dangerously wounded. I feel great solicitude on his account, as he is an officer of so much promise, and his loss would be a serious loss to the service.

It is a most pleasing part of my duty to acquaint you, that the conduct of Lieutenants Conner and Newton, Mr. Mayo, acting Lieutenant Brownlow of the Marines, Sailing-master Romney, and the other officers, seamen, and marines I have the honor to command, was in the highest degree creditable to them, and calls for my warmest recommendation. I cannot, indeed, do justice to their merits. The satisfaction which was diffused throughout the ship when it was ascertained that the stranger was an enemy's sloop-of-war, and the alacrity with which every one repaired to quarters, fully assured me that their conduct in the action would be marked with coolness and intrepidity.

I have the honor to be, etc.,

J. BIDDLE.



loss on board the Hornet, was 1 killed and 11  
ed.

## REMARKS ON THE ACTION, CONTINUED.

question has been often asked by intelligent men  
y civilized country—how is it that a young nation,  
e United States, with but a small navy, and that  
ustomed to naval battles, should be able to cope  
fully, upon equal terms, with British ships-of-war?  
s and reasons have been alleged and as many  
contradicted.

English have always asserted that in these conflicts  
ps were larger, carried heavier guns, and that we  
small a navy that we were enabled to man our  
f war with picked seamen from the merchant  
This assertion has been again and again re-  
and when by us refuted, some other subterfuge  
en raised, to evade the simple facts of the case.  
Fenimore Cooper, in a charitable spirit, attributed  
cesses to our having got the start of the English in

respectable families, and could make interest at court, stood no chance of promotion.

They felt they were fighting for the King and the nobility, for a country in whose affairs they had no voice or vote, and when at home, were of no consideration, and only expected to obey their superiors. In fine, they knew they were only instruments in the hands of the aristocracy, and not a constituent part of the nation.

On the other hand, the American seamen were shipped for a term of two or three years, and knew when their time expired, they were free, and could not be forced on board against their wills. Another reason for their willingness to fight, was that the English for many years, had been in the habit of impressing them into their men-of-war, where they were compelled to fight against nations with whom they had no quarrel.

Another strong inducement for the American seamen to enter into the war with spirit was, that the government of the United States had declared war principally on their account. This fact inspired them with courage and enthusiasm, and led to their favorite motto;

"Free trade and sailor's rights, and no impressment."

An American seaman also feels that he is a man, and when he performs his duty like a man, that he is entitled to the respect due to a free citizen of a great republic, and is therefore bound to sustain its honor and its glory. He also feels that if capable, he can rise to fame and fortune, irrespective of birth or family influence.

In the estimation of character, an American appreciates a man according to his talents and virtue, and not by his artificial rank. Witness in this action the feeling I have attempted to describe: though Capt. Biddle was said to be a strict disciplinarian, still, by reading the

at of the battle, it is easy to see how much he was  
ed by his crew, and how ready they were to resent  
trage committed upon him after the enemy had  
dered.

These remarks, I do not mean to say that the cap-  
and superior officers in the British navy are not  
and gallant men, and that they are not willing to  
or their king and country, whenever called upon ;  
contrary, I believe them to be ever ready to shed  
st drop of their blood in defence of their country's  
and glory. But, in my opinion, this does not ap-  
the petty officers and seamen on board their ships-

his assertion be not true, how then, can any one  
t for the many English and Irish seamen found on  
of our men-of-war and privateers, fighting against  
own nation, when not one American, to my  
edge, voluntarily fought against his country ?

ve questioned several English seamen on the sub-  
their fighting against their country, and the re-

the seamen, to prevent desertion ; consequently they are generally despised and hated by the sailors.\*

I am aware that I am writing on a very delicate subject, but as I have attempted to prove that our successes were not owing to employing picked seamen to man our ships, or to their superior weight of metal, but almost entirely to the peculiar nature of our government, contrasted with a monarchical one ; and in carrying out my argument, I have been obliged to bring out several facts which I suppose will not be very agreeable to an English ear.

As a corroborating fact of what I have stated, I ask the reader to call to mind the many glorious victories gained by the French republic during its great struggle against combined Europe. With an army of a hundred thousand men, singing the Marseilles Hymn, by whole battalions, accompanied by eighty pieces of artillery playing the chorus, they swept entire armies before them. Yes, it is such exciting scenes that fully develop the power of republican enthusiasm, and lead men to face death at the cannon's mouth.

During our war with England, in 1812, the proneness of the people of that country to credit every statement in disparagement of their adversaries, was eagerly seconded by the government.

The government papers at that period abounded with falsehoods so gross, and with perversions so reckless, that the people might well suppose the Americans to be an uncivilized race, between whom and the Indians, little difference existed.

\* After the above remarks on the marine corps, candor prompts me to say that they are a very important arm to every navy, not only to support discipline, but to add a martial appearance to a man-of-war.

official reports of battles at that epoch, whether  
or land, were studiously deceptive.

account by any British naval or army officer, of his  
or disaster could be published until "revised  
corrected" by the Admiralty or the Horse Guards.  
ry success was magnified and exaggerated, while  
defeat was qualified and attributed to any other  
than American valor, seamanship, or general-

victories of Hull, Perry, McDonough, and Jack-  
were ascribed to monstrous disparity of force on  
le, aided by those untoward accidents which bra-  
nd skill can neither avert nor overcome.

eed not say to any American reader, that the  
President was captured after one of the most  
and well conducted battles in naval annals.

encountered a British squadron, consisting of the  
Endymion, the Majestic Razee, and the frigates  
e and Tennydos.

had a severe running fight with the Endymion for

by their humanity in war, we adopt a just standard. The savage and the Christian differ in few respects, more strikingly, than in their bearing towards their enemies. Cruelty, plunder, and slaughter are inseparable from the idea of bravery and glory in the estimation of the former, while the elevating spirit of our religion and of the civilization, of which that religion is the fountain, impel the latter to mercy and humanity.

With civilized powers, the triumph of the victor is not complete until he has manifested, not only forbearance, but kindness towards the vanquished. Prisoners of war cease to stand as enemies, and are thenceforth but fellow-men, entitled to those humanities which man owes to his fellow-man. Civilized nations, in waging war, are ever bound to respect and shelter private persons, and in passing through an enemy's country, to protect private property, defenceless age, women and children. The brutal passions of depraved soldiers must be restrained, and unnecessary bloodshed avoided.

The British lay high claim to such civilization and to such humanity. It would be unjust to deny that their humane and gallant officers have, in very many instances, justified such claim. Such men, for instance, as Sir Thomas Hardy and Captain W. F. Wise, are an honor to any nation. From the latter, the writer acknowledges for himself and his officers, with warm friendship and gratitude, the reception of the most delicate and generous attention, while prisoners on board the frigate *Granicus*.

But such was not the customary treatment received by American prisoners in the war of 1812. As a general thing, when an American merchant ship or private armed vessel was captured, all charts, books and nautical instruments were seized and taken away; and the

answer to remonstrances was, that this conduct was orders from the Admiralty. Nor did plunder stop here, it was often extended, under the plea, to the immediate personal effects of the prisoners.

Treatment of prisoners was generally most unjust, and in many cases, such as to outrage decency and humanity. Captains, mates and supercargoes, as well as crews, were sent to prison, or stowed away in prison-ships. They were not allowed their personal liberty on parole of honor, except in a few cases, where a powerful interest could be brought to bear in behalf of individuals.

Believe that I may say for the credit of our flag, that never one of our national or private armed ships captured a British vessel, all private property of the officers and crew was held sacred, and when the prisoners reached the United States, captains, mates, and supercargoes were allowed social liberty on their parole of honor, and the full range of the city or town where they were

prisoners in the war of our revolution, are recorded in the history of the "Old Sugar House," "The Jail," "The Jersey Prison Ship," at the Wallabout, and other abodes of cruelty and wretchedness. The war which followed in 1812, witnessed her incomplete civilization in the miseries inflicted at Dartmoor prison.

With how much pride can we point, not only to our action toward the enemy on the sea, but to the conduct of our officers and soldiers in battle and after battle on the land. Such an act as the recent demolition by the British troops of the choice treasures of ancient art and learning, which the studies and toils of scholars and antiquarians had garnered up in the National Museum of Kertch, fixes an indelible blot on the escutcheon of England.

In blazing contrast to such shocking acts as this, and the sack of Badajoz, to which reference will presently be made, was the recent campaign by our troops under General Scott, from Vera Cruz to Mexico. Almost every mile of that long journey was rendered memorable by some sanguinary battle, and victory terminating in the surrender of the great city itself. Plunder, sack, and rapine were unknown. The very supplies taken from the inhabitants for our troops, were fully paid for; private property and houses were respected, and outrage upon age or sex was unknown.

It is not easy to say whether our troops, and their illustrious commander (General Winfield Scott), achieved more glory for their country by their intrepid and invincible valor, or in illustrating the civilization of America by their humanity and morality.

What more striking contrast can be presented than that between the conduct of the triumphant Americans



Scott, at Mexico, and that of the triumphant under the Duke of Wellington, at Badajoz.

I may avoid the charge of exaggeration in describing the conduct of the latter on that occasion, I will leave the narration of it, by the author of a recent work, devoted to the eulogy of the great

most of my readers will probably recollect, that at the siege of Badajoz, Lord Wellington promised the soldiers that if they would capture the place, they should be allowed to sack and plunder it.

After a sanguinary conflict, it was finally taken by the British on the 6th of April, 1812; and, agreeable to the promise, the ill-fated city was given up to rapine and pillage for a period of one day and two nights.

It follows the recital of the savage brutality of the British soldiers, as given by Colonel Maxwell, of the 1st regiment of foot, in his own words:

No language can depict the horrors which succeeded a successful assault. The following vivid, but faithful picture of Bad-

"One street, as I approached the castle, was almost choked up with broken furniture, for the houses had been gutted from the cellar to the garret, the partitions torn down, and even the beds ripped and scattered to the winds, in the hope that gold might be found concealed.

"A convent\* at the end of the strada of St. John was in flames, and I saw more than one wretched nun in the arms of a drunken soldier.

"Further on, the confusion seemed greater. Brandy and wine casks were rolled out before the stores; some were full, some half-drunk, but more staved in mere wantonness, and the liquors running through the kennel.

"Many a harrowing scream saluted the ear of the passer-by; many a female supplication was heard asking in vain for mercy. How could it be otherwise, when it is remembered that twenty thousand furious and licentious madmen were loosed upon an immense population, among which many of the loveliest women upon earth might be found?

"All within that devoted city was at the disposal of an infuriated army, over whom for a time control was lost, aided by an infamous collection of camp-followers, who were, if possible, more sanguinary and pitiless even than those who had survived the storm!

"It is useless to dwell upon a scene from which the heart revolts. Few females in this beautiful town were saved that night from insult. The noble and the beggar—the nun, the wife and daughter of the artisan—youth and

\* A general officer, having received secret information that a soldier's wife had been robbing, had her stripped by the provost, who found on her person an under garment of red velvet, bordered with gold lace, six inches deep. This article had evidently been the covering of a communion table.

all were involved in general ruin. None were re-  
lived, and few consequently escaped. The madness  
of the desperate brigands was variously exhibited;  
some fired through doors and windows; others at the  
bells; many at the wretched inhabitants as they  
fled to the streets to escape the bayonets of the sav-  
ages who were demolishing their property within  
the town, while some wretches, as if blood had not flowed  
in sufficient torrents already, shot from the windows  
down companions as they staggered on below.

What chances had the miserable inhabitants of  
the town, when more than one officer perished by  
bullets and bayonets of the very men whom a few  
days before he had led to the assault?

Strict measures were taken on the second day by  
the British at Wellington to repress these desperate excesses, and  
to prevent the infuriated soldiery from the fatal consequences  
of their own debauchery produced.\*

A Portuguese brigade was brought from the rear,  
and sent into the town, accompanied by the provost

War is a sore calamity and a curse, and that nation achieves the greatest victory which mitigates its cruelties and wrongs. But, while history records such fiendish deeds as I have cited, and the history of British India is one of unchristian oppression and cruelty by the great Christian nation of Europe, we may well claim for our country that her page, thus far, is brighter, purer, clearer than that of our mother country.

The writer of these pages arrived at Lisbon a few weeks after the fall of Badajoz, and saw great numbers of wounded British officers, who came down from that place to Lisbon for a change of air, and relaxation from military duty to recover from their wounds.

A few days previous to the capture of Badajoz, several American gentlemen left Lisbon from motives of curiosity to witness the siege of the unfortunate city, and if it fell, they intended to visit it, while given up to plunder and rapine. They accordingly saw the assault and surrender of the place, and the next day visited the town.

The most of these gentlemen have since died, there is, however, one of them still living in New York City, Alexander Hamilton, Esq. This gentleman not only confirms all the revolting scenes related by Colonel Maxwell, but adds, as an eye witness, many other heart-rending sights, which are enough to freeze the blood with horror.

After my severe remarks on the English, some of my readers may accuse me of being prejudiced against them. It is true that my father, in the revolutionary war, was a prisoner for several months on board the Jersey Prison Ship, in New York, and that I had a brother who was a prisoner in 1812, at Dartmoor, during the massacre ; still I think I can do the English justice, and herewith

urge the world to name a single instance in this  
y, where I have deviated from the truth in the  
est degree.

## PRIZES CAPTURED BY PRIVATEERS.

g Lady Trowbridge, 8 guns, 208 tons, with a car-  
live stock, from the Cape de Verds for Barbadoes,  
red by the brig Ino, of Boston, and burnt. This  
was captured and destroyed within two miles of  
land of Barbadoes, and within view of the British  
s-of-war, lying at Bridgetown. The Ino was lost  
Charleston, the particulars are interesting, and are as  
s :

## EXTRACTED FROM A CHARLESTON PAPER.

Charleston, March 7th.—The officers of the Ino  
ed town yesterday morning, from Bull's Bay, and  
ly furnished the editor of the City Gazette, with  
ubjoined particulars of the cruise, and subsequent  
ction of said vessel. The name of the reef on

cans. We hope it is the last act of the kind we shall hear of."

"*March 7th.*—Early in the morning in 10 fathoms water, off Charleston, standing in, discovered a large ship at anchor off the bar, wind light at N.N.E., hauled close on the wind, starboard-tacks aboard. The ship, which we soon discovered to be a frigate, weighed and stood for us, and by the shifting of the wind, hemmed us in between her and the shore; after making every exertion with sweeps, etc., to get clear, found that the frigate, by the help of her boats, and a breeze, which sprung up from the offing, came so fast upon us, that we could neither get into Charleston, nor weather away Cape Romain, so that we were obliged to bear up, and endeavor to get into Bull's Bay, in which attempt the *Ino* unfortunately struck upon a reef. On this being perceived, the frigate immediately sent her boats to attack us, but by a few well-directed rounds of grape and canister, they were forced to retire. In the night the *Ino* bilged, and threatening to go to pieces, we (having lost our boats some days before) proceeded to construct rafts, to transport ourselves on shore. At 4 A. M. cut away our masts, she being in a very dangerous condition, and laying on her beam ends. At daylight discovered the frigate at anchor, and her boats pulling for us—prepared to receive them, when within grape range, hoisted our flag on a pike-staff, and gave them a broadside of grape and canister; on which they precipitately hauled off. We then manned our rafts, and set fire to the *Ino*. At 2 P. M. she blew up.

"While at the most imminent hazard of our lives, our rafts torn to pieces by the breakers, and part of us swimming, they again came in with their boats, and valiantly took two poor fellows, who were swimming for their lives,

carried them off. We finally succeeded in getting  
and bar, from which unpleasant situation we were  
ed by the humanity of Captain John Phillips, of  
ston, commanding a small schooner lying in the  
The officers of the Ino, for the present, forbear  
g any comments on this extraordinary transaction,  
erely observe that they had no idea of peace having  
place, but have ascertained that the captain of  
gate Severn had known it for many days.' "

ish ship Mary and Susan, 470 tons, with an im-  
cargo of dry-goods, etc., from London for Ja-  
captured by the Chasseur, and sent into Savannah.  
ary and Susan was a fine vessel, and her cargo  
valuable.

schooner Arrow, from Catalonia for London, with  
sks of almonds, 1650 casks of hazel-nuts, sent  
lem, by the America of that port. The Arrow  
aptured January 22d and the America had previ-  
made several valuable prizes on the same cruise.

Adventure for Havana, with a valuable assorted

British ship ——, captured by the McDonough, of Rhode Island, and burnt.

EXTRACT FROM THE LOG-BOOK OF THE McDONOUGH.

"*Jan. 31st.*—At 12 M. discovered a large ship under our lee, making signals, about two leagues distant, showing two tiers of ports. At 1 o'clock, P. M., edged down for her, and discovered her lower battery to be false; immediately prepared for action. At 2 o'clock, bore up for his weather quarter, and hoisted our colors; the enemy at the same time hauling up his courses, and lying by for us. At half past two commenced the action within musket shot, observing the enemy to fire 7 guns from his broadside, besides swivels, with a tremendous shower of musketry, which led us to suppose her to be a troop ship, in which we were not mistaken. At half past three, passed close under her bows to rake her, when we discovered her decks full of soldiers, who gave us a tremendous volley. At three quarters past three, our braces, bowlines and haulyards, being all shot away, our sails literally cut to pieces, rigging much damaged, and two guns dismounted, 11 men wounded, 7 severely, 7 shot in our hull, our fore and main masts badly wounded, our stern boat had two 18 pound shot through her, the enemy being far superior to us in point of metal, having eighteen nine pounders, and at least 300 soldiers, besides her crew, thought it prudent to haul off. Our enemy having suffered, to appearance, bore away for Teneriffe, with some of her people slung over the sides, stopping shot holes. At 3 A.M. tacked ship to the S.W., all hands employed repairing sails, rigging, gun carriages, and other damages." The McDonough arrived at Savannah, March 7th.

Schooner Ceres, from Newfoundland for Dublin, cargo



gallons of oil, captured by the Reindeer, of Boston and destroyed.

poner William, of London, from White-Haven for Michaels, in ballast, captured by the same, and

Up Unity, from Lisbon for Brook-Haven, with es, captured by the same, and made a cartel of, to of prisoners.

g Daphne, 2 guns, 200 tons, with a full cargo, for n, captured by the same, divested of a quantity of etc., manned and ordered to a port in the United

Reindeer also captured another valuable brig, not given, which she manned and ordered to a the United States.

privateer Young Wasp returned to Philadelphia, with valuable goods, from a successful cruise off the coasts of England and Spain, and from thence off the Cape of Good Hope and around the island of St. Helena. was one hundred and seventy days absent, and

cargo. The privateer divested her prize of a considerable portion of her cargo, when an English frigate hove in sight, which obliged her to abandon her prize and make her escape. Subsequently she captured the ship *Mary Ann*, from the Cape of Good Hope, bound for Malacca, and after divesting her of sundry articles, allowed her to proceed on her voyage.

During this cruise, the *Wasp* traversed a space of 30,000 miles, and with but little loss.

Brig *Lord Duncan*, from Liverpool for Bermuda, captured by the *Morgiana*, of New York, and burnt.

Brig *Cossack*, 6 guns, from Cork, for Jamaica, captured by the same, divested, and made a cartel of, to get rid of her prisoners.

Schooner *Resolution*, with sugar, molasses, etc., sent into a southern port by the *Kemp*, of Baltimore.

Sloop ———, captured by the same, in the West Indies, divested, and given up to the prisoners.

Ship *Otway*, 3 guns, from Liverpool for Jamaica, with a rich cargo of British goods and sundries, captured by the same, divested of as many goods as the privateer could stow away, manned and ordered her into port.

The *Kemp* arrived safe at Baltimore with 200 bales and packages of British goods, 1,800 stand of arms, and sundry other articles of merchandize.

The *Kemp* captured a British brig (name not given), mounting 14 guns, with 40 men, after a warm action of forty minutes, when the enemy struck his colors. Divested the prize of sundry articles, and manned her for the United States.

In this action the *Kemp* had one man killed and two wounded.

On board of the brig there were two killed and eight wounded.

After the capture of this vessel, the prize crew obliged to abandon her, being closely pursued by a British ship-of-war. They were obliged to take to boats and return to the privateer.

The *Alexander*, captured by the *Leo*, of Baltimore, was lost away near Ferrol, while entering that port in a gale of wind.

The *Eagle*, captured by the *Lawrence*, of Baltimore; was afterwards re-captured and wrecked. She was chiefly laden with dry-goods.

The British ship *Arabella*, of Calcutta, was captured by the letter-of-marque ship *Rambler*, of Boston, on her way to Canton, and carried into Macao. A letter from Captain Edes, of the *Rambler*, dated at Canton, September 6th, says :—" Our prize (the ship *Arabella*) was taken at Macao the same day we arrived at Canton and was taken possession of by the Portuguese government, and given up to the British Admiral on this station. I have protested against this proceeding, and hope a proper representation will be made."

British brig Juno, a transport, captured by the same, divested, and made a cartel of, to get rid of prisoners.

Brig Ocean, from Merimachi for Glasgow, laden with timber, captured by the same, and burnt.

Brig Langton, from Richiebuco, N. S., for Scotland, captured by the same, and ransomed.

Brig Adeona, with 450 bales and packages of broadcloths, etc., captured by the America, of Salem, and sent into that port, this was a very valuable prize.

Schooner Sultan, laden with cocoa, captured by the Morgiana, of New York, and sent into Wilmington, N. C.

Brig Sarah, for Alicant, with codfish, captured by the Warrior of New York, and burnt.

Brig Legal Tender, with a valuable cargo, captured by the David Porter, and recaptured by the Spencer 74, on the 7th of March.

Ship Antigua, 320 tons, with a full cargo of West India produce, was captured off the Western Islands by the Fox, of Portsmouth, and sent into that port.

Ship City of Limerick, with a very valuable cargo, from London for Jamaica, captured by the Morgiana, of New York, and ordered into port, after having been divested of the most valuable part of her cargo.

Brig Helen, from London for Jamaica, laden with dry-goods and iron, captured by the same, and ordered into port.

We accounted these good prizes, for the Morgiana arrived with property valued at \$230,000, which she took out of her prizes.

Schooner Perseverance, from Granada for Demarara, captured by the same, and burnt.

Brig John, from Martinique for Antigua, captured by the same, and burnt.

g Maria Annabella, from Dublin for St. Kitts, captured by the Zebec Ultor, divested of a few Irish linens, burnt. Her cargo consisted chiefly of provi-

ops Twins and l'Espirance, captured by the same, ed, and given up.

op Constitution, from St. Barts for Dominica, captured by the same, and burnt.

g Mohawk, of Jamaica, captured by the Zebec

We account this a fortunate circumstance, being prize by the terms of the treaty; she safely d in port.

p —, captured by the letter-of-marque ship Jones, of Boston, on her passage to Canton, and ed of \$60,000 worth of opium, etc., and then sent a port in the United States.

g Baltic, captured by the Grand Turk, of Salem; dured by the British, and since lost. She had a car-sweet oil.

ter Sloop Busy, of Guernsey, from Plymouth for

valuable ship, from Rio Janeiro, and a brig laden with sugar, from Antigua for Glasgow. The *America* had on board more than \$10,000 worth of valuable goods, taken out of her prizes at sea. This fortunate ship safely arrived at Salem on the 10th of April, after a cruise of 134 days, without losing a single man either by sickness or casualty. It is stated that she had, during the war, cleared more than \$600,000 for her owners.

The privateer *Avon*, of 14 guns, was captured by the British brig *Barbadoes*, of 17 guns, after a warm action of an hour and a half, the British brig-of-war *Columbine* being within three miles in chase, and coming up. The *Avon* had one man killed, and four wounded, the *Barbadoes* one killed, and three wounded. Twenty-two of the best men belonging to the former were absent at the time of the fight, in a small sloop, for the purpose of cutting vessels out from St. Kitts. The sloop was also captured by the British the next day.

The privateer *Hyder Ali*, Captain Thorndike, of Boston, was captured in the East Indies, by the British frigate *Owen Glendower*. She had been chased for three days by the *Salsetta*, frigate, from which ship she escaped, but in so doing, the privateer was driven within gun-shot of the *Owen Glendower*, which ship soon brought her within the reach of her musketry, when she was obliged to surrender. She had, previous to her capture, made nine prizes, which vessels were unfortunately recaptured.

The famous privateer *Prince*, of Neufchatel, was captured and sent into England.

An American letter-of-marque schooner, a fast sailing vessel, arrived at Canton in December, 1814, with a cargo of seal skins, valued at \$300,000. These skins

taken from the Fejee, and other islands in the  
C.

was out of the influence of the war, and made a  
successful voyage.

British schooner, name not given, captured by the  
privateer of Portsmouth, N. H. ; after divesting the  
of the valuable part of her cargo, destroyed her.  
privateer annoyed the enemy during the whole of  
war, and arrived safe at Portsmouth, after having  
seven successful cruises.

Booner John and Ann, from Halifax for the West  
I., captured by the Young Wasp, of Philadelphia,  
ed, but lost on Ocracock bar, N. C.

OF THE GALLANT ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE HEROIC  
CAPTAIN THOMAS BOYLE, OF THE PRIVATEER BRIG CHAS-  
SEUR, OF BALTIMORE, ON HIS LAST CRUISE IN THE BRITISH  
CHANNEL, AND AMONG THE WEST INDIA ISLANDS, IN THE  
WINTERS OF 1814 AND 1815.

The Chasseur was a very formidable vessel, carrying  
in long twelve pounders, and at the commencement

bound also for London. This vessel, being of small value, was made a cartel of, to get rid of prisoners.

English brig *Alert*, of Poole, from Newfoundland, with a cargo of timber, taken and destroyed.

Brig *Harmony*, of Aberdeen, from Newfoundland, bound for London, made a cartel of her, to be relieved from prisoners.

Ship *Carlbury*, of London, from Jamaica, with a very valuable cargo of cotton, cocoa, hides, indigo, etc., divested her of two hundred and thirty-seven ceroons of indigo, and manned her for the United States. The goods taken from this prize were estimated at fifty thousand dollars.

Brig *Eclipse*, a valuable vessel of fourteen guns, sent to New York, at which place she arrived safe.

Brig *Commerce*, also a valuable vessel, laden with fish, ordered her to proceed to the United States.

Brig *Antelope*, carrying eight eighteen pound carronnades, with a long tom, from Havana, laden with nine hundred boxes of sugar; she made no resistance, and was also sent to the United States.

British schooner *Fox* from Newfoundland, laden with fish for the Mediterranean, sent her to the United States.

Ship *James*, of London, with twelve guns and twenty men from the river La Plata, with hides, tallow, bark, furs, etc.

Brig *Atlantic*, also of London, with eight guns and fifteen men, from the river La Plata, loaded with a similar cargo. The *James* and the *Atlantic* were in company, and were both captured and manned for the United States.

Ship *Theodore*, of Liverpool, with eight guns, from Marenham, with 1,600 bales of cotton, etc., etc.



Amicus of Liverpool, from Lisbon, with wool, and two bales of woollen goods.

Besides the vessels already enumerated there were many others whose names are not noticed in this list. The number of vessels captured by Captain Boyle, on his cruise, was eighteen, and many of them very valuable. Captain B. brought into port forty-three prisoners, and took one hundred and fifty. Had the Chasseur been a United States vessel, acting under orders to burn, and destroy all prizes, the loss to the enemy by his cruise alone, would have exceeded a million and a half of dollars. Although many of these prizes were afterwards re-captured, still the Chasseur must have made a very profitable cruise, for all who were concerned in the service of a very fortunate privateer.

During Captain Boyle's cruise in the British Channel and round the coast of Great Britain, he had many hair-breadth escapes. He was once so near a frigate as perhaps to exchange broadsides with her. At another time he was nearly surrounded by two frigates and two

ing proclamation, and sent it by a cartel to London, with a request to have it posted up at Loyd's Coffee House :

*By Thomas Boyle, Esquire, Commander of the private-armed brig Chasseur, etc., etc.*

PROCLAMATION.

Whereas it has become customary with the Admirals of Great Britain, commanding small forces on the coast of the United States, particularly with Sir John Borlaise Warren and Sir Alexander Cochrane, to declare all the coast of the said United States in a state of strict and rigorous blockade, without possessing the power to justify such a declaration, or stationing an adequate force to maintain said blockade.

I do, therefore, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested (possessing sufficient force), declare all the ports, harbors, bays, creeks, rivers, inlets, outlets, islands and sea coast of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in a state of strict and rigorous blockade.

And I do further declare, that I consider the force under my command adequate to maintain strictly, rigorously and effectually, the said blockade.

And I do hereby require the respective officers, whether captains, commanders, or commanding officers, under my command, employed or to be employed, on the coasts of England, Ireland and Scotland, to pay strict attention to the execution of this my proclamation.

And I do hereby caution and forbid the ships and vessels of all and every nation, in amity and peace with the United States, from entering or attempting to enter, or from coming or attempting to come out of any of the

ports, harbors, bays, creeks, rivers, inlets, outlets,  
or sea coast, under any pretence whatsoever.

that no person may plead ignorance of this, my  
nation, I have ordered the same to be made public  
land.

en under my hand on board the Chasseur, day and  
above.

THOMAS BOYLE.

command of the commanding officer.)

J. J. STANBURY, Secretary.

FROM CAPTAIN BOYLE, TO MR. GEORGE P. STEPHENSON, ONE  
OF THE OWNERS OF THE CHASSEUR.

*At Sea, March 2d, 1815.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you, that on  
th of February, being about six leagues to wind-  
of Havana, and two leagues from the land, at 11  
discovered a schooner bearing N.E. of us, appa-  
running before the wind; made every possible

hoisted English colors, showing at the same time only three ports on the side next us.

Under the impression that she was a running vessel, bound to Havana, and weakly armed and manned, I tried every effort to close with her as quick as possible. I saw very few men on her deck, and hastily made some preparation for action, though neither my officers nor myself expected any fighting ; of course we were not completely prepared for battle. At 1:26 P.M. we were within pistol shot of the enemy, when he opened a tier of ten ports on a side, and gave us his whole broadside of round, grape, and musket balls. I then opened the Chasseur's fire from the great guns and musketry, and endeavored to close with him, for the purpose of boarding ; we having quick way at the time, shot ahead of him under his lee, he put his helm up, for the purpose of wearing across our stern, to give us a raking fire, which I prevented by timely noticing his intention, and putting our helm hard up also. He shot quickly ahead, and I closed within ten yards of him. At this time both fires were heavy, severe, and destructive. I now found that his men had been concealed under his bulwark, and that I had a powerful enemy to contend with, and at 1:40 P.M., gave the order for boarding, which my brave officers and men cheerfully obeyed with unexampled quickness ; I instantly put the helm to starboard to lay him on board, and when in the act of boarding she surrendered.

Mr. W. M. Christie, prize-master, from his courage and activity, got first on board of her—she proved to be his *Britannic Majesty's* schooner *St. Lawrence*, commanded by Lieutenant J. C. Gordon, formerly the famous privateer *Atlas*, of Philadelphia, built on the Chesapeake, mounting 15 guns, 14 twelve pound carronades, upon an improved construction, and a long nine pounder, with a

ment of 75 men, and had on board a number of marines, and some gentlemen of the navy, passed bound express to the squadron off New Orleans. She had, by the report of her commander, 6 killed and 17 wounded, most of them badly, and of them mortally. She was a perfect wreck, cut in the hull, and scarcely a rope left standing, report of her commander, he had not an officer left, that was not either killed or wounded, himself among the latter. The Chasseur's sails and rigging were much, and from the zeal and anxiety of my crew to do their duty, and thereby exposing themselves, I had five men killed, and eight wounded, myself among the latter, though very slightly. Thus ended the action, in fifteen minutes after its commencement, but eight minutes close quarters, with a force, in respect, equal to our own.

The Chasseur mounted six twelve pounders, and eight one pound carronades (the latter taken from one prize), ten of our twelve pound carronades hav-

justly to my own feelings. My other lieutenants, Mr. Moran and Mr. Hammond N. Stansbury, as well as every other officer, behaved with a firmness, seldom, if ever equalled, and I believe never surpassed.

Yours, with respect,

THOMAS BOYLE.

Mr. G. P. Stephenson, Baltimore.

P. S.—On the night of the 26th the main-top-mast of the St. Lawrence went by the board; such was her wretched condition, and from motives of humanity, and the solicitation of her commander, I made a flag or cartel of her to carry the wounded to Havana, for their better comfort and convenience, as I know you would wish that I should mitigate the sufferings of the unfortunate wounded. I hope you will not be displeased at what I have done, there was no other alternative but to make a cartel of her, or destroy her. I should not willingly perhaps, have sought a contest with a king's vessel, knowing it was not our object; but my expectations were at first a valuable vessel and a valuable cargo also. When I found myself deceived, the honor of the flag entrusted to my charge, was not to be disgraced by flight. I sent to the wounded a parcel of shirts, and two bales of purser's slops, to be distributed among them, and the other prisoners. A copy of the correspondence between the Captain of the St. Lawrence and myself you have herewith enclosed, as well as my letter to your friends in Havana.

Very respectfully yours,

T. B.

A CERTIFICATE TO CAPTAIN THOMAS BOYLE, FROM THE  
COMMANDER OF HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SCHOONER ST. LAW-  
RENCE; DATED AT SEA, FEBRUARY 27TH, 1815, ON BOARD THE  
UNITED STATES PRIVATE-ARMED-BRIG CHASSEUR.

On the event of Captain Boyle's becoming a prisoner  
of war to any British cruiser, I consider it a tribute  
due to his humane and generous treatment of  
the surviving officers and crew of His Majesty's  
Schooner St. Lawrence, to state that his obliging at-  
tention and watchful solicitude to preserve our effects,  
and render us comfortable, during the short time we were  
in his possession, were such as justly entitle him to the  
recognition and respect of every British subject.

To certify that his endeavors to render us comfort-  
able and to secure our property, were carefully seconded  
by his officers, who did their utmost to that

J. C. GORDON,

Lieut. and Com. of His Majesty's late  
Schooner St. Lawrence.

The Chasseur was a fine, large brig, and familiarly called "The Pride of Baltimore." She was indeed a fine specimen of naval architecture, and perhaps the most beautiful vessel that had floated on the ocean. She sat as light and buoyant on the water as a graceful swan, and it required but very little help of the imagination to feel that she was about to leave her watery element, and fly into the clear, blue sky.

Although this gallant vessel was so elegant and attractive to her friends, she carried dismay and terror to her enemies. During her last cruise, only seventeen days previous to her arrival in port, her heroic commander captured His Britannic Majesty's schooner St. Lawrence, mounting 15 carriage guns, with a crew of 75 men.

This action lasted but 15 minutes, when the Englishman surrendered his vessel, having been completely cut to pieces. Fifteen of his crew were killed, and 25 wounded; the Chasseur had but 5 men killed, and 8 wounded, and received little or no damage in her hull.

Her sails and rigging were somewhat injured, but were soon repaired, so that in a few hours she was ready for another action.

The Chasseur made several other prizes on this cruise, which have been recorded in their proper places.

On Captain Boyle's return home to Baltimore, he heard that a treaty of peace had been signed at Ghent, by the Ambassadors of the American and English governments. He then returned to the peaceful avocations of private life, to enjoy the esteem and applause of all those who had the honor of his acquaintance.

I cannot conclude my remarks on Captain Boyle's services to his State and country, without expressing a



that his name may be honored and cherished by American heart, and I think he is richly entitled to a national monument, to perpetuate his memory to posterity and to future generations.

The writer regrets that he never had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with Captain Boyle ; but from what he can learn of his character, to say that he was a brave man, would, in his case, be but commonplace eulogy, for he was infinitely more than that. He evidently possessed many of the elements of a great man, for in him were blended the impetuous bravery of a Murat, with the prudence of Wellington. He wisely judged when to attack the enemy, and when to retreat, with honor to himself and to the flag under which he sailed.

The reader will please observe his daring bravery in the British Channel ; and call to mind his gallant victories, particularly when in command of the schooner Comet, in an action off Pernambuco, with a Portuguese man-of-war-brig and three English

into his own vessel, so as to secure a successful cruise to his owners, and to all others concerned in the enterprise.

As far as I can judge, he displayed in all his acts a sound judgment, beautifully blended with patriotic bravery.

Had this gentleman been a Commander in the United States Navy, his fame and deeds of valor would have been lauded throughout our great republic ; but as he only commanded a privateer, who speaks of him ? Or of such men as Diron, Champlin, Murphy, Stafford, Wooster, and a host of others, who fought and bled in their country's cause.

Is it not then narrow-minded prejudice not to award a just appreciation of the services of the gallant men who commanded privateers and letters-of-marque during our severe struggle with England for an equal right to navigate the ocean, the great highway of nations. For it must certainly be conceded, that while contending with the enemy at that period, the privateers and private-armed vessels formed in fact a large portion of our navy, and were an indispensable auxiliary to it, as the militia and volunteers were to the United States army.

## CHAPTER XI.

REID'S CRUISE—ARRIVAL AT PAYAL—ACCOUNT OF HIS GALLANT DEFENCE—  
A LETTER FROM THE AMERICAN CONSUL AT PAYAL TO THE SECRETARY OF  
STATE—CAPTAIN REID'S ARRIVAL AT SAVANNAH—HIS RECEPTION AT  
PLACE—PUBLIC DINNER GIVEN HIM AT RICHMOND, VA.—TOASTS, ETC.—  
DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF PEACE—ESCAPE OF THE PRI-  
VATEER BRIG WARRIOR FROM A BRITISH FRIGATE AND A "SEVENTY-FOUR"—SHE  
ARRIVES AT NEW YORK—BRIG TAGUS, FROM SMYRNA, CAPTURED BY THE LETTER-OF-  
MARQUE BRUTUS, OF BOSTON—BRITISH PACKET WINDSOR CASTLE, FROM PALMOUTH, ENG-  
LAND, CAPTURED BY THE ROGER AND SENT INTO NORFOLK—TRANSPORT  
BRIG BOURWAN, FROM PENANG, WITH A VALUABLE CARGO, CAPTURED BY THE  
ROGER, AND SENT TO BOSTON—EXTRACT FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE PRIVATEER  
ROGER, AT MORLAIX, FRANCE—PRIVATEERS PREPARING FOR SEA, WHEN THE  
PEACE ARRIVES IN THE UNITED STATES

THE ARRIVAL AND CAPTURE OF THE PRIVATEER-BRIG GENERAL ARM-  
STRONG, SAMUEL C. REID, COMMANDER.

Captain Reid sailed from Sandy Hook on the 9th of

September, Captain Reid came to anchor in the Fayal Roads, for the purpose of filling up water, and obtaining refreshments. From this date I shall leave the brave captain to tell his own story ; here follows the relation of that gentleman :—

“ I called on the American Consul, who very politely ordered our water immediately sent off, it being our intention to proceed to sea early the next day. At 5 p. m. I went on board, the Consul and some other gentlemen in company. I asked some questions concerning the enemy's cruisers, and was told there had been none at these Islands for several weeks, when about dusk, while we were conversing, the British brig *Carnation*, suddenly hove in sight, close under the N.E. head of the harbor, within gun-shot. When first discovered, the idea of getting under way was instantly suggested, but finding the enemy's brig had the advantage of a breeze, and but little wind with us, it was thought doubtful if we should be able to get to sea without hazarding an action. I questioned the Consul to know, if in his opinion the enemy would regard the neutrality of the port? He gave me to understand I might make myself perfectly easy, assuring me at the same time, they would never molest us while at anchor. But no sooner did the enemy's brig understand from the pilot-boat who we were, than she immediately hauled close in, and let go her anchor within pistol-shot of us. At the same moment the *Plantagenet* and frigate *Rota*, hove in sight, to whom the *Carnation* instantly made signals, and a constant interchange, took place for some time.

“ The result was, the *Carnation* proceeded to throw out all her boats; dispatched on board the *Commodore*, and appeared otherwise to be making unusual exertions. From these circumstances, we began to suspect their real

tions. The moon was near its full, which enabled me to observe them very minutely, and I now determined to haul in nearer the shore.

Accordingly, after clearing for action, we got under way and began to sweep in. The moment this was observed by the enemy's brig, she instantly cut her cable, hoisted sail, and dispatched four boats in pursuit of us. Being now about 8 P. M., as soon as we saw the boats approaching, we let go our anchor, got springs on board, and prepared to receive them. I hailed them loudly as they drew near, but they felt no inclination to reply. Sure of their game, they only pulled up to the greater speed. I observed the boats were well manned, and apparently as well armed; and as soon as they had cleverly got alongside, we opened our fire, which was as soon returned; but meeting with rather a poor reception than they had probably been aware of, they very soon cried out for quarters, and hauled off. In this skirmish I had one man killed, and my first lieutenant wounded. The enemy's loss must have been up-

“The shores were lined with the inhabitants, waiting the expected attack ; and from the brightness of the moon, they had a most favorable view of the scene. The Governor, with most of the first people of the place, stood by and saw the whole affair. At length, about midnight, we observed the boats in motion (our crew having laid at quarters during the whole of this interval). They came on in one direct line, keeping in close order, and we plainly counted twelve boats. As soon as they came within proper distance we opened our fire, which was warmly returned from the enemy’s carronades, and small arms. The discharge from our long-tom rather staggered them ; but soon reconnoitring, they gave three cheers and came on most spiritedly. In a moment they succeeded in gaining our bow and starboard quarter, and the word was board. Our great guns now becoming useless, we attacked them sword in hand, together with our pikes, pistols and musketry, from which our lads poured on them a most destructive fire.

“The enemy made frequent and repeated attempts to gain our decks, but were repulsed at all times, and at all points, with the greatest slaughter. About the middle of the action, I received intelligence of the death of my second lieutenant ; and soon after of the third lieutenant, badly wounded. From this and other causes, I found our fire had much slackened on the forecastle, and fearful of the event, I instantly rallied the whole of our after-division, who had been bravely defending, and now had succeeded in beating the boats off the quarters. They gave a shout, rushed forward, opened a fresh fire, and soon after decided the conflict, which terminated in the total defeat of the enemy, and the loss of many of their boats ; two of which belonged to the Rota, we took possession of them, literally loaded with their own

Seventeen only escaped from them both, who went to the shore. In another boat, under our command, by one of the lieutenants of the Planter, all were killed saving four. This I have from the lieutenant himself, who further, told me that he had jumped overboard to save his own life.

The duration of the action was about 40 minutes. The decks were now found in much confusion, our long-guns dismounted, and several of our gun-carriages broken; many of our crew having left the vessel, and others disabled.

Under these circumstances, however, we succeeded in getting long-tom in his berth, and the decks cleared, in order for a fresh action, should the enemy appear again before daylight.

About 3 A.M. I received a message from the American ship, requesting to see me on shore, where he informed me the Governor had sent a note to Captain Lloyd, begging him to desist from further hostilities. To which Captain Lloyd sent for answer, that he was determined to have the privateer at the risk of

privateer. I then ordered the Gen. Armstrong to be scuttled, to prevent the enemy from cutting her off. She was soon afterwards boarded by the enemy's boats, and set on fire, which soon completed her destruction. They also destroyed a number of houses in the town, and wounded some of the inhabitants.

"By what I have been able to learn from the British Consul and officers of the fleet, it appears there were about 400 officers and men in the last attack by the boats, of which 120 were killed, and about 130 wounded. Captain Lloyd, I am told by the British Consul, is badly wounded in the leg; a jury of surgeons had been held, who gave it as their opinion that amputation would be necessary to insure his life. 'Tis said, however, that the wound was occasioned by an ox treading on him.

"The fleet has remained here about a week, during which time they have been principally employed in burying the dead, and taking care of the wounded. Three days after the action, they were joined by the ship *Thais*, and brig *Calypso* (two sloops of war), they were immediately taken into requisition by Captain Lloyd, to take home the wounded men. The *Calypso* sailed for England with part of the wounded on the 2d instant, among whom was the first lieutenant of the *Plantagenet*. The *Thais* sails this evening with the remainder, Captain Lloyd's fleet sailed to-day, supposed for the West Indies.

"The loss on our part, I am happy to say, is comparatively trifling; two killed and seven wounded. With regard to my officers in general, I feel the grèatest satisfaction in saying, they one and all fought with the most determined bravery, and to them I feel highly indebted for their officer-like conduct, during the short period we



together ; their exertions and bravery deserved a  
fate.

Here insert, for your inspection, a list of the killed  
wounded.

Killed—Mr. Alexander O. Williams, second-lieuten-  
ant, a musket ball in the forehead, died instantly ;  
John Lloyd, seaman, wounded by a musket ball  
in the heart, died instantly.

Wounded—Frederick A. Worth, first lieutenant, in  
the right side ; Robert Johnson, third lieutenant, in the  
knee ; Razilla Hammond, quarter-master, left arm ;  
John Piner, seaman, wounded in the knee ; William Cas-  
tle, the arm ; Nicholas Scalsan, in the arm and leg ;  
John Harrison, in the arm and face, by the explosion of

It gives me much pleasure to announce to you, that  
the wounded are all in a fair way of recovery, through  
unremitting care and attention of our worthy  
physician.

Mr. Dabney, our Consul, is a gentleman possessing

nate affair. We expect to sail to-morrow in a Portuguese brig for Amelia Island, which takes the whole of our crew, till when,

“I remain, gentlemen,

“Your very obedient, humble servant,

“SAMUEL C. REID.”

#### DESTRUCTION OF THE GENERAL ARMSTRONG.

The details that follow, though they regard only a private armed vessel, will be read with great interest. We are called as much to admire the gallantry and perseverance of our seamen, as the impudence of the enemy in violating a neutral territory. But they paid dearly for this irruption on the sovereignty of Portugal and the rights of hospitality. The vessels that attacked the General Armstrong, arrived at Jamaica on the 5th ult., and acknowledged a loss of 63 killed, and 110 wounded, having three lieutenants killed, and three wounded, total 173. This is not the whole by a great deal. They lost about 300, as the captain of the Rota acknowledged to our Consul that they had 120 men killed, or dead of their wounds, the day after the battle, and according to the general scale of such things, there must have been at least double that number remaining wounded. Some of the most splendid victories the British have ever gained, were less dearly purchased. Sir Richard Strachan, with four ships of the line, and four frigates, fought a French fleet for several hours, on the 3d of November, 1805, and captured four ships of 74 and 80 guns, with a loss of only 135 killed and wounded—less according to his account than by the British accounts of the attack on the Armstrong, they lost in capturing a privateer, hemmed up in a port. A few such victories as this, would teach them better manners.

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Court of Portugal is bound to pay for the privateers and receive satisfaction for the outrage from that Court at Britain.

A LETTER FROM OUR CONSUL AT FAYAL TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

FAYAL, 5th October, 1814.

I have the honor to state to you, that a most flagrant violation of the neutrality of this port, in utter contempt of the laws of civilized nations, has recently been committed here by the commanders of His Britannic Majesty's ships, Plantagenet, Rota and Carnation, and the private armed brig General Armstrong, commanded by C. Reid commander ; but I have great satisfaction in being able to add that this occurrence terminated in one of the most brilliant actions on the part of Captain Reid, his brave officers and crew, that can be found in naval record.

An American brig came to anchor in this port in the afternoon of the 26th of September, and at sunset the same day the above named ships suddenly

the fire, killed one man, and wounded the first lieutenant of the privateer, and returned to their ships ; and, as it was now bright moonlight, it was plainly perceived from the brig, as well as from the shore, that a formidable attack was premeditating.

Soon after midnight, twelve or more large boats, crowded with men from the ships, and armed with carronades, swivels, blunderbusses, small arms, etc., attacked the brig. A severe contest ensued, which lasted about forty minutes, and ended in the total defeat, and partial destruction of the boats, with a most unparalleled carnage on the part of the British.

It is estimated, by good judges, that near four hundred men were in the boats when the attack commenced, and no doubt exists in the minds of the numerous spectators of the scene, that more than one half of them were killed or wounded. Several boats were destroyed ; two of them remained along side of the brig, literally loaded with their own dead. From these two boats, only seventeen men reached the shore alive ; most of them were severely wounded.

The whole of the following day, the British were occupied in burying their dead ; among them were two lieutenants and one midshipman, of the *Rota* ; the first lieutenant of the *Plantagenet*, it is said, cannot survive his wounds, and many of the seamen who reached the ships were mortally wounded, and have been dying daily.

The British, mortified at this signal and unexpected defeat, endeavored to conceal the extent of their loss. They admit, however, that they have lost in killed, and who have died since the engagement, upward of one hundred and twenty of the flower of their officers and men. The captain of the *Rota* told me he lost seventy men from his ship.

Two days after this affair took place, two British sloop-of-war, *Thais* and *Calypso*, came into port, which Captain Lloyd immediately took into requisition to carry off the wounded officers and seamen. They have since sailed for England—one on the 2nd, and the other on the 4th instant; each carried twenty-five men, badly wounded. Those who were slightly wounded, to the number as I am informed, of about thirty, remained on board their respective ships, and sailed last evening for Jamaica. Strict orders were given that the sloops-of-war should take no letters whatever to England, and those orders were rigidly adhered to. In face of the testimony of all Fayal, and a number of respectable strangers who happened to be in this place at the moment, the British commander endeavors to throw the odium of this transaction on the American Captain Reid, alleging that he sent the boats merely to reconnoitre the coast and without any hostile intentions; the pilots of the sloops could inform them of the privateer the moment they

On the part of the Americans, the loss was comparatively nothing ; two killed and seven slightly wounded. Of the slain, we have to lament the loss of the second lieutenant, Mr. Alexander O. Williams, of New York ; a brave and meritorious officer.

Among the wounded, are Messrs. Worth and Johnson, first and third lieutenants. Captain Reid was thus deprived, early in the action, of the services of all his lieutenants ; but his cool and intrepid conduct secured him the victory.

On the morning of the 27th ult., one of the British ships placed herself near the shore, and commenced a heavy cannonade on the privateer. Finding further resistance unavailing, Captain Reid ordered her to be abandoned, after being partially destroyed, to prevent her from falling into the hands of the enemy, who soon after sent their boats and set her on fire.

At nine o'clock in the evening (soon after the first attack), I applied to the Governor, requesting his Excellency to protect the privateer, either by force, or by such remonstrance to the commander of the squadron, as would cause him to desist from any further attempt.

The Governor, feeling indignant at what had passed, but feeling himself totally unable, with the slender means he possessed, to resist such a force, took the part of remonstrating, which he did in forcible, but respectful terms.

His letter to Captain Lloyd had no other effect than to produce a menacing reply, insulting in the highest degree. Nothing could exceed the indignation of the public authorities, as well as of all ranks and descriptions of persons here, at this unprovoked enormity. Such was the rage of the British to destroy this vessel, that no regard was paid to the safety of the town. Some of the

itants were wounded, and a number of the houses much damaged. The strongest representations on subject were prepared by the Governor for his court. In this affair, the commander, Lloyd, threatened to on shore an armed force, and arrest the privateer's saying there were many Englishmen among them, our poor fellows, afraid of his vengeance, have fled the mountains several times, and have been harassed extremely.

In length, Captain Lloyd, fearful of losing more men, put his threats in execution, adopted this stratagem. He addressed an official letter to the Governor, stating that in the American crew were two men who had deserted from his squadron in America, and as they were guilty of high treason, he required them to be arrested and given up. Accordingly, a force was sent into the country, and the American seamen were arrested and brought to town, and as they could not designate the pretended deserters, all the seamen here passed under the examination of the British officers, but no such per-

I shall, as early as possible, transmit a statement of this transaction to our Minister at Rio Janeiro for his government.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,  
Sir, your most obedient servant,

JOHN B. DABNEY.

#### HONOR TO THE BRAVE.

On Captain Reid's arrival at Savannah from Fayal, he was treated with great respect and kindness by all classes of people.

On his way home to New York, he was invited, and partook of a splendid public entertainment at Richmond, Virginia. The company was very numerous, and among them, the Governor, and others of the first character in Virginia. The Speaker of the House of Delegates (Mr. Stevenson), President, and the members of the Legislature constituted a large portion of the entertainers. The toasts were highly characteristic of generous Virginia. We select the following :

"The Navy—whose lightning has struck down the 'meteor flag of England.' They have conquered those who had conquered the world."

"The private cruisers of the United States—whose intrepidity has pierced the enemy's channels, and bearded the lion in his den."

"The army of the Niagara, the rivals of our seamen—their gallant deeds will live to endless ages, in the records of time."

"Brown, Scott, Gaines and Porter—Chippewa, Bridgewater, Plattsburg and Erie, are the deathless monuments of their fame."

"Barney, Boyle, and their compatriots—who have



hed the seas in search of the enemy, and hurled  
ation upon his head."

our Ministers at Ghent—who breathe the spirit of  
country, war in preference to the slightest sacrifice  
nor."

Foreign Nations—let us hold them as did our  
s, 'enemies in war ; in peace friends.' "

legislators—may the people abandon 'those who  
ce the safety of their country to the shadow of  
urity.' "

olunteers"—by the Vice-President, Mr. Wirt—"the  
ry of the General Armstrong ; she has 'graced her  
nd made her ruin glorious.' "

y Judge Cabell—The Spirit of our fore-fathers, dis-  
d in concert and energy of action ; not wasted in  
s and fruitless discussion."

y Judge Brockenborough—Neutral Ports—when-  
the tyrants of the ocean dare to invade these  
aries, may they meet with an 'Essex' and an  
strong.' "

Brig Hope, from Glasgow for Buenos Ayres, divested of a large quantity of English goods, and manned for the United States.

Ship Francis and Eliza, burthen 377 tons with ten guns and thirty-five men, from London bound for New South Wales. This ship had on board 124 male and female convicts. After divesting her of sundry articles of merchandise, the privateer allowed her to proceed on her voyage.

The British ship Neptune, 259 tons burthen, 8 guns and fifteen men, from Liverpool for St. Salvador, with a cargo of British goods. The Warrior removed from her the most valuable portion of her cargo, and sent her to the United States.

Brig Dundee, of Dundee, from London also for St. Salvador, with British goods to a large amount. After removing to the privateer a large quantity of valuable goods, manned her for New York.

After the Warrior had taken out of her prizes 323 bales and packages of English goods, and fifteen thousand dollars in specie, she made sail for New York, at which port she safely arrived.

During the cruise, she was often chased by frigates, and received several shot from one of them. She was at another time so hotly pursued by an English 74, that in passing she received several of her shot, but finally made her escape with but little injury. The Warrior was a beautiful brig of 430 tons burthen, built on the pilot boat construction, mounted 21 guns, and carried 150 men.

The privateer Mammoth, of Baltimore, returned to New York after a long and unprofitable cruise, without making any captures. She was several times chased by British frigates, but fortunately escaped. During her

in a calm, she was attacked by several of the  
's boats, but beat them off without loss to herself.  
The privateer Ludlow returned to Portsmouth, after a  
of 56 days, without making a single capture.

It would appear by this that British ships and vessels  
become somewhat scarce on the ocean, as our priva-  
returned with but very few prizes.

The letter-of-marque Brutus, of Boston, made the  
following captures :

1. The Adventure, with an assorted cargo of British  
merchandise ; divested her of the most valuable portion  
and destroyed the vessel.

2. The schooner Margaretta, with a small assorted cargo of not  
great value. Removed the same to the privateer, and  
made a cartel of her, to get rid of prisoners.

3. The transport brig Guardiana, from Halifax for Plymouth,  
with 4 guns and 15 men. Divested her of all her  
property worth removing, and made a cartel of her, to dis-  
pose of the prisoners.

4. The schooner Phoebe, from Malta for London, with an assorted

British schooner *Victoria*, laden with crates, oil, and sundry British goods, was also captured by the *Brutus*, and ordered to proceed to Charleston.

After the *Brutus* had taken and manned all the before named prizes, she made sail for Boston, at which port she arrived, laden with a very valuable cargo of silks and other rich goods, taken from the enemy.

British schooner, name not given, from Halifax for Barbadoes; with a cargo of fish, was captured by the *Avon*, of Boston, and sent into Fort Royal, Martinique, and was there ransomed for her former owners.

British Brig *Success*, from Cadiz for Newfoundland, laden with salt, and fruit, etc., was captured by the *Blakely*, of Boston, and sent into that port.

British brig *Jubilee*, from St. Ubes for Ireland, with salt, etc., was also captured by the *Blakely*. Divested the prize of a portion of her cargo, and then destroyed her.

The British schooner *Thistle*, from the Mediterranean, with a valuable cargo, was captured by the *America* of Salem, on her last cruise. This prize was recaptured by the British sloop of war *Cossack*, off Cape Sable, on the 19th of March, and sent to Halifax, but was subsequently restored to the American captors, according to the treaty regulations, between the two governments on that subject.

English Brig *Ocean*, with 8 guns, and 15 men, from Sicily for St. Petersburg, with an assorted cargo, was captured by the *Macedonian*, of Boston, and sent into Portsmouth, N. H.

British packet *Windsor Castle*, armed with 8 carro-nades, and 2 long brass nine pounders, with 32 men, and nine passengers from Falmouth, Eng., for Halifax, with five mails, was captured by the privateer *Roger*, of Norfolk and sent into that port.

British schooner *Fanny*, with nine guns from Laguaira, London, was captured by the *Lawrence* of Baltimore, and ordered into a port in the United States, but in consequence of bad weather, she put into Cuba to be being in distress.

British schooner, name not given, from Fayal for St. Michael, captured by the *Macedonian* of Boston ; divested of her cargo, and permitted to proceed on her voyage.

Swedish ship —, under Swedish colors, captured also by the *Macedonian* ; divested of her English property, and permitted to proceed on her voyage.

The *Macedonian* also captured and burnt the sloop from Forway for Naples, with a cargo of fish.

English ship —, from Newfoundland, for the Mediterranean, was also captured by the *Macedonian* and burnt.

British brig *Acorn*, 14 guns 12-pounders, from Liverpool for Rio Janeiro, with a full cargo ; captured by the *Turk* : divested of a large portion of her most val-

tured by the James Monroe, and sent into L'Orient, France, and from thence was sent to New York, at which port she subsequently arrived.

British ship *Agenoria*, from Waterford for London, laden with provisions, was captured by the McDonough, and sent into Bricaux, France.

British ship *Ashburton*, from Lisbon for England, was captured by the James Monroe, divested of her cargo, and given up to the prisoners, and allowed to proceed on her voyage.

The British ship *Nancy*, from Liverpool for Sicily, was captured by the *Abaellino*, of Boston, while cruising in the Mediterranean, and sent into Tunis.

The English cutter *Joanna*, was captured by the Macedonian, of Portsmouth, and burnt.

British ship *Triumvirate*, from St. Johns Newfoundland, for the Mediterranean, with fish and oil, was also captured by the Macedonian, and burnt.

Schooner *Recovery*, captured by the Macedonian, and after having taken sundry articles of merchandise, gave her up to the prisoners as a cartel.

The privateer *George Little*, of Boston, was captured by the English frigate *Granicus*. The privateer carried 14 guns, and 80 men, and had taken no prizes.

The British ship *Amity*, from Waterford for London, was captured by the McDonough, and sent into Morlaix, France.

The British schooner *Swift*, of London, from St. Michael, laden with fruit, was captured by the *America*, and ordered to proceed to Salem. The prize being in want of provisions, subsequently put into Terceira, where she was demanded by the British Consul. It was said the Governor of the Island ordered her to be restored to her former owners.

g Staff-of-Life, from Liverpool for Havre-de-Grace, a valuable assorted cargo, captured by the McDonough and sent into France.

rig Endeavor, from Falmouth for Liverpool, barley, etc., captured by the same, and sent to e.

g Ceres, from Cork for London, with a full cargo, red by the same and sent to France.

g Unity, from Waterford for London, with a full captured by the McDonough, and sent into e.

op Eliza, from Dublin for London, with beef and r, captured by the same, and sent to France.

EXTRACT FROM THE LOG-BOOK OF THE McDONOUGH.

aving put out all our men, was obliged to bear up rance, and arrived at Morlaix, on the 7th of February, 1815. February 16th, an English man-of-war ner arrived there, and anchored within pistol-shot

ing her of sundry articles of not much value, allowed her to proceed on her voyage. The Rambler was from Canton, with a rich China cargo, and was fortunate enough to arrive safe at Boston.

The British ship Adele, of Penang, laden with a valuable cargo of India goods, with a considerable amount of gold dust, was captured by the letter-of-marque ship Jacob Jones, of Boston, on her passage out to Canton. After divesting the prize of the most valuable part of her cargo, allowed her to proceed on her voyage. The Jacob Jones also captured, on the same passage, the English brig Bourwan, of Penang, laden with opium and other valuable goods. After removing from the prize the most valuable portion of her cargo, allowed her to proceed on her voyage. The amount of property taken from these two vessels was worth \$90,000. The Jacob Jones was a fine ship of 554 tons, carrying 16 guns, and 67 men. She returned to Boston with a full cargo of China goods. The profits on her voyage, together with the choice spoils taken from the enemy was, probably in the result, one of the greatest voyages ever made from the United States.

The privateer Macedonian arrived at Portsmouth May the 2d, 1815. During her cruise she captured and manned three vessels, besides what have been before recorded, namely : brig Margaret and Trevis, with British goods ; ship Somerset, 260 tons burthen, mounting 4 guns and 15 men, laden with wine and brandy ; and the brig Mercury, with 160 pipes of Oporto wine, and other articles of merchandise.

British brig Polly, was captured, and sent into Cadiz, by the privateer Amelia, of Baltimore.

British brig Elizabeth (cargo not mentioned), was captured by the Leo, of Boston, and burnt.



ish brig George, from Prince Edward's Island, was captured by the Leo, and destroyed.

ter Jane, from St. Michael, for London, with a of fruit, was also captured by the same privateer, nt to France.

American privateer Sine-qua-non, of Boston, seven guns and eighty-one men, was captured by nglish, in the neighborhood of Madeira, early in ary, 1815.

ish schooner Dunsten Castle, from Alicant for Mar- with fruit, was also captured by the same priva- nd sent into Tunis.

ee small Maltese vessels (British), with full car- vere also captured by the Abaellino, and sent into i.

tish brig Mary and Gilbert, from Naples for no, was captured by the Abaellino, and ran-

ish brig Bernadotte, a Maltese vessel, was cap- by the same privateer, divested of her cargo, and

longer, and Captain R. been permitted to go to sea, that he would have inflicted a severe blow upon the commerce of the enemy.

The British brig *Enterprise*, from Buenos Ayres, bound to England, laden with hides and tallow, was captured by the ship *America*, of Salem. The prize being leaky, put into Fayal in distress, where she was condemned as unseaworthy. The cargo was given in charge of the American Consul, at that port.

The British ship *Charles*, of London, partly loaded with oil, from San Salvador, was captured off that port by the *Blakely*, of Boston. She was ordered to proceed to the United States, and subsequently arrived safe at Boston.

British brig *Sailor's Friend* was captured by the privateer *Prince de Neufchâtel*, and sent into Havre de Grace, and after the peace, she left that place, and arrived safe at Boston.

The British Brig *Ann Elizabeth*, from Amsterdam, was captured by the *Rattlesnake*, privateer, and ordered to Philadelphia, at which port she safely arrived.

The British brig (name not given), from the Mediterranean, bound to London, with fruit, was captured by the *Brutus*, sent into Brest, and subsequently arrived safe at Boston.

The British schooner *Commercial Packet*, from Trieste for London, laden with fruit, was captured by the *Abaellino*, of Boston, and sent into Tunis.

British brig *Hope*, from Pattras for London, with fruit, was captured by the same privateer, and sent into Tunis.

ADDITIONAL REMARKS ON THE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN PRIVATEERS AND LETTERS-OF-MARQUE; ALSO ON THE LATE WAR AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.

In the introduction to my work, I observed, that a contest between two commercial nations was simply a trial of strength; and that the one could do the other the greatest harm; and now, the war being ended, my readers will naturally expect to know how the account stands at the winding up of the conflict.

As I will endeavor to give; but before I proceed to detail the losses on both sides, it may be well to give a short sketch of the great disparity of force employed at the commencement of the war by the belligerent parties.

The English entered the contest with a navy of one hundred and sixty men-of-war, eight hundred of which were in commission, and were effective, cruising in all the world's vessels.

To oppose this immense force, the United States had but thirteen effective frigates, with some twelve or fifteen

the navy, with the aid of privateers and letters-of-marque.

This statement does not include captures made on our great lakes, which would swell the number to a much larger figure.

I have not had sufficient time in giving this summary to ascertain, precisely, what proportion of these two thousand vessels were captured by the United States government ships, but at a rough estimate, should judge one-third part of the whole number, leaving two-thirds, or, say thirteen hundred and thirty sail, to have been taken by American privateers and private-armed vessels.

I have found it difficult to ascertain the exact number of our own vessels taken and destroyed by the English; but, from the best information I can obtain, I should judge they would not amount to more than five hundred sail. It must be recollected that the most of our losses occurred during the first six months of the war. After that period, we had very few vessels afloat, except privateers and letters-of-marque.

A large portion of our merchant-ships fortunately returned home within the first two or three months after the commencement of the war, and were laid up out of reach of the enemy. Some of them were taken up our navigable rivers, and others dismantled in secure places.

A few of our East Indiamen and whaling ships, the commanders of which had no knowledge of the war, were captured on their return home, and not unfrequently at the mouths of our own harbors; but, thank God, they were not many.

On the other hand our men-of-war and privateers con-

to harass and prey upon British trade and commerce, during the whole period of the contest, and even after the treaty of peace was signed.

At those times there were no ocean steamers, to cross the Atlantic in ten or twelve days, nor any magnetic telegraphs to communicate news between distant cities. For this reason, it not unfrequently occurred that we were without news from Europe for a period of fifty or sixty days.

The great battle of New Orleans was fought and won by General Jackson, fifteen days after the treaty of peace was signed at Ghent. So also the sloop-of-war *Reindeer* was captured, by Captain Biddle, in the Hornet, three months after.

I have recorded a long list of prizes made by our privateers and letters-of-marque, that were cruising in distant seas, and had not heard of the peace.

In this estimate of losses by the belligerent parties, it may be borne in mind, that I am not writing a history of the war, but simply of the privateers, and private-

come matters of history, and been recorded by more able pens than mine. I only allude *en passant*, to these memorable instances of English humanity, as evidences of their vaunted boast of superior civilization.

Contrast these acts with those of the French. Bonaparte, in his successful career, over-ran the greater part of continental Europe, and took most of its capital cities, but in no instance did he ever destroy one of them.

The English landed from their men-of-war, made a forced march upon Washington, burnt it, and then hurried back to their ships.

I deem it unnecessary to enlarge upon this subject, as it is familiar to every intelligent American.

My object in referring to these by-gone scenes is, to warn the present generation, not to sleep at their posts, nor to rely on British magnanimity for security.

More than forty-one years have elapsed since the ambassadors of the United States and Great Britain signed the treaty of peace, at Ghent, and the most of those who bore a conspicuous part in the war have passed away. The few surviving leaders, and those who distinguished themselves in those exciting times, are rapidly disappearing from among their brethren, and will soon only live on the pages of their country's history.

Having now brought my account of the privateers and letters-of-marque to a close, I hope every dispassionate American will agree with me, that it was beyond all doubt, owing to the good seamanship and gallant bravery of our little navy, in combination with the indefatigable annoyance of the privateers and letters-of-marque, that an honorable peace was so soon restored to our beloved country.

and here I would respectfully ask my readers to refer for a moment, on the immense advantages this war has conferred upon the United States.

In my opinion, it has advanced the nation more than a century in wealth and prosperity. It has given us a navy in which the whole nation has the most confidence, has been the cause of fortifying our sea-board, has built up our manufactories, and enriched the country in a thousand other ways by developing its resources.

It has given us a home feeling of self-reliance on our strength, and power to protect ourselves against foreign aggression. And what is far above every other consideration, it has given us a national character, and made our flag to be respected in every part of the world. It has inspired every individual American with a feeling of self-respect, and a stronger and deeper love for his country's honor and glory; and it continues to excite a growing feeling of patriotism, which, after all, is a nation's surest and best protection.

indulge in a revengeful spirit. I hope and trust they will ever cherish a vigilant watchfulness over the liberties of their country. They must "remember to ask from other nations nothing that is not clearly right, nor submit to any thing that is palpably wrong."

This is the road all great nations have travelled, and the only sure one that leads to greatness and undying glory.

Notwithstanding what I have said respecting our late war with England, I would not be understood as being in favor of another war with that nation, at present. On the contrary, I see no sufficient cause of war between the two countries, and there are a thousand reasons why we should cultivate the most friendly relations for our mutual benefit.

Our country having become strong and powerful, I hope we shall not hereafter enter into war with any power weaker than ourselves, on account of slight or imaginary wrongs. But should any great nation offer us insult, or invade one foot of our territory, I hope every man capable of bearing arms will rush to the rescue, and that the young men will march in a solid phalanx to meet the foe. Should they fall in the conflict, they will fall with the glorious consolation, that their memories will be for ever embalmed in the hearts of their countrymen.

In conclusion, I have only to express the regret that I did not commence my book a year sooner. I am now nearly seventy-two years of age, and being fearful that I might drop off before I could see it published, I have not been able to devote as much time and care to its composition, as the subject deserves.

But should it please God to prolong my life a few



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I hope to be enabled to correct some errors and omissions that may be observed in this history. Such as, however, whether for good or for evil, with all its faults and deficiencies, I now present it to the American public, to sink or swim on its own merits.

THE AUTHOR.

*Albany, New York, May, 1856.*

# TREATY OF PEACE.

JAMES MADISON,

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*To all and singular to whom these presents shall come,*

GREETING :

WHEREAS a treaty of peace and amity between the United States of America, and his Britannic Majesty was signed at Ghent, on the twenty-fourth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, by the plenipotentiaries respectively appointed for that purpose ; and the said treaty having been, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate of the United States, duly accepted, ratified, and confirmed, on the seventeenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen ; and ratified copies thereof having been exchanged agreeably to the tenor of the said treaty, which is in the words following, to wit :

TREATY OF PEACE AND AMITY BETWEEN HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY  
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

His Britannic Majesty and the United States of America, desirous of terminating the war which has unhappily subsisted between the two countries, and of restoring, upon principles of perfect reciprocity, peace, friendship, and good understanding between them, have, for that purpose, appointed their respective plenipotentiaries,

to say : his Britannic Majesty, on his part, has appointed the Right Honorable James, Lord Gambier, Admiral of the white, now Admiral of the red, of his Majesty's fleet, Henry Goulburn, Esq., Member of the Imperial Parliament, and Under Secretary of State, and William Adams, Esq., doctor of civil law—And the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, has appointed John Quincy Adams, James A. Bayard, William Clay, Jonathan Russell and Albert Gallatin, citizens of the United States, who after a reciprocal communication of their respective full powers, have agreed on the following articles :

## ARTICLE THE FIRST.

There shall be a firm and universal peace between his Britannic Majesty and the United States, and between their respective countries, territories, cities, towns,

which, in the course of the war, may have fallen into the hands of the officers of either party, shall be as far as may be practicable, forthwith restored and delivered to the proper authorities and persons to whom they respectively belong. Such of the Islands in the Bay of Passamaquoddy as are claimed by both parties, shall remain in the possession of the party in whose occupation they may be at the time of the exchange of the ratifications of this treaty, until the decision respecting the title to the said Islands shall have been made in conformity with the fourth article of this treaty. No disposition made by this treaty, as to such possession of the Islands and territories claimed by both parties, shall, in any manner whatever, be construed to affect the right of either.

#### ARTICLE THE SECOND.

Immediately after the ratifications of this treaty by both parties, as hereinafter mentioned, orders shall be sent to the armies, squadrons, officers, subjects and citizens, of the two powers to cease from all hostilities : And to prevent all causes of complaint which might arise on account of the prizes which might be taken at sea after the said ratifications of this treaty, it is reciprocally agreed, that all vessels and effects which may be taken after the space of twelve days from the said ratifications, upon all parts of the coast of North America, from the latitude of twenty-three degrees north, to the latitude of fifty degrees north, and as far eastward in the Atlantic Ocean, as the thirty-sixth degree of west longitude from the meridian of Greenwich, shall be restored to each side : That the time shall be thirty days in all other parts of the Atlantic Ocean, north of the equinoctial line

ator, and the same time for the British and Irish  
hels, for the Gulf of Mexico and all parts of the  
Indies : forty days for the North Seas, for the Bal-  
d for all parts of the Mediterranean : sixty days  
e Atlantic Ocean, south of the equator as far as  
titude of the Cape of Good Hope : ninety days for  
part of the world south of the equator : and one  
ed and twenty days for all other parts of the world,  
ut exception.

## ARTICLE THE THIRD.

prisoners of war taken on either side, as well by  
as by sea, shall be restored as soon as practicable  
the ratification of this treaty, as hereinafter men-  
ed, on their paying the debts which they may have  
acted during their captivity. The two contracting  
s respectively engage to discharge in specie, the  
ces which may have been made by the other for  
stenance and maintenance of such prisoners.

heretofore have been, within the limits of Nova Scotia ; and whereas the several Islands in the Bay of Passamaquoddy, which is part of the Bay of Fundy, and the Island of Grand Menan in the said Bay of Fundy, are claimed by the United States as being comprehended within their aforesaid boundaries, which said Islands are claimed as belonging to his Britannic Majesty, as having been at the time of, and previous to, the aforesaid treaty of one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three within the limits of the province of Nova Scotia : In order, therefore, finally to decide upon these claims, it is agreed that they shall be referred to two commissioners, to be appointed in the following manner, viz., one commissioner shall be appointed by his Britannic Majesty, and one by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, and the said two commissioners so appointed shall be sworn impartially to examine and decide upon the said claims according to such evidence as shall be laid before them on the part of his Britannic Majesty and of the United States respectively. The said commissioners shall meet at St. Andrews, in the province of New Brunswick, and shall have power to adjourn to such other place or places as they shall think fit. The said commissioners shall, by a declaration or report under their hands and seals, decide to which of the two contracting parties the several Islands aforesaid do respectively belong, in conformity with the true intent of the said treaty of peace of one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three. And if the said commissioners shall agree in their decision, both parties shall consider such decision as final and conclusive. It is further agreed, that in the event of the two commissioners differing upon all or any of the matters so referred to them, or in the event of both or

of the said commissioners refusing, or declining, wilfully omitting, to act as such, they shall make, jointly or separately, a report or reports, as well to the government of his Britannic Majesty as to that of the United States, stating in detail the points on which they have refused, declined, or omitted to act, and the grounds upon which their respective commissions have been formed, or the grounds upon which either of them, have so refused, declined, or omitted to act. And his Britannic Majesty, and the government of the United States hereby agree to refer the reports of the said commissioners, to some friendly sovereign or state, to be then named for that purpose, and who shall be requested to decide on the objections which may be stated in the said report or reports, or upon the report of one commissioner, together with the grounds upon which the other commissioner shall have refused, declined, or omitted to act, as the case may be. And if the commissioner so refusing, declining, or omitting to act, shall also wilfully omit to state the grounds upon which he has so done, in such

two powers as the northwest angle of Nova Scotia, now the north-westernmost head of Connecticut river, has yet been ascertained ; and whereas that part of the boundary line between the dominion of the two powers which extends from the source of the river St. Croix directly north to the above-mentioned north-west angle of Nova Scotia, thence along the said highlands which divide those rivers that empty themselves into the river St. Lawrence from those which fall into the Atlantic Ocean to the north-westernmost head of Connecticut river, thence down along the middle of the river to the forty-fifth degree of north latitude ; thence by a line due west on said latitude until it strikes the river Iroquois or Cataraguy has not been surveyed :—It is agreed that for these several purposes two commissioners shall be appointed, sworn, and authorized, to act exactly in the manner directed with respect to those mentioned in the next preceding article, unless otherwise specified in the present article. The said commissioners shall meet at St. Andrews, in the province of New Brunswick, and shall have power to adjourn to such other place or places as they shall think fit. The said commissioners shall have power to ascertain and determine the points above-mentioned, in conformity with the provisions of the said treaty of peace of one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, and shall cause the boundary aforesaid, from the source of the river St. Croix to the river Iroquois or Cataraguy, to be surveyed and marked according to the said provisions. The said commissioners shall make a map of the said boundary, and annex to it a declaration under their hands and seals, certifying it to be the true map of the said boundary, and particularizing the latitude and longitude of the north-west angle of Nova Scotia, of the north-westernmost head of Connec-



ver, and of such other points of the same boundary as they may deem proper. And both parties agree to consider such map and declaration as finally and conclusively fixing the said boundary. And in the event of either of the two commissioners differing, or both, or either of them, refusing, or declining, or wilfully omitting to make such reports, declarations, or statements, shall be taken as evidence against them, or either of them, and such reference to the said sovereign or state, shall be made, in all respects as in the latter part of the fourth article is contained, and in as full a manner as if the same was herein provided.

## ARTICLE THE SIXTH.

Whereas, by the former treaty of peace that portion of the boundary of the United States from the point where the forty-fifth degree of north latitude strikes the River of the Mohawks or Cataraguy to the Lake Superior, was determined to be "along the middle of said river into Lake Superior, through the middle of said lake until it strikes the communication by water between that Lake and the River of the St. Lawrence,"

tioned in the next preceding article, unless otherwise specified in this present article. The said commissioners shall meet, in the first instance, at Albany, in the State of New York, and shall have power to adjourn to such other place or places as they shall think fit: The said commissioners shall, by a report or declaration, under their hands and seals, designate the boundary through the said river, lakes, and water communications, and decide to which of the two contracting parties the several Islands lying within the said river, lakes, and water communications, do respectively belong, in conformity with the true intent of the said treaty of one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three. And both parties agree to consider such designation and decision as final and conclusive. And in the event of the said two commissioners differing, or both, or either of them, refusing, declining, or wilfully omitting to act, such reports, declarations or statements, shall be made by them, or either of them, and such reference to a friendly sovereign or state shall be made in all respects as in the latter part of the fourth article is contained, and in as full a manner as if the same was herein repeated.

#### ARTICLE THE SEVENTH.

It is further agreed that the said two last mentioned commissioners, after they shall have executed the duties assigned to them in the preceding article, shall be and they are hereby authorized, upon their oaths impartially to fix and determine, according to the true intent of the said treaty of peace, of one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, that part of the boundary between the dominions of the two powers, which extends from the water communication between Lake Huron and Lake

rior, to the most north-western point of the lake of the Woods, to decide to which of the two parties the Islands lying in the lakes, water communications, rivers, forming the said boundary, do respectively belong, in conformity with the true intent of the said treaty of peace, of one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three; and to cause such parts of the said boundary as require it, to be surveyed and marked. The commissioners shall, by a report or declaration under their hands and seals, designate the boundary aforesaid, state their decision on the points thus referred to them, and particularize the latitude and longitude of the north-western point of the Lake of the Woods, and of other parts of the said boundary as they may deem proper. And both parties agree to consider such report and decision as final and conclusive. And, in the event of the said two commissioners differing, or either of them refusing, declining, or wilfully neglecting to act, such reports, declarations, or statements, may be made by them, or either of them, and such reports, declarations, or statements shall be made in

United States, who may be respectively appointed and authorized to manage the business on behalf of their respective governments. The said commissioners shall be respectively paid in such manner as shall be agreed between the two contracting parties, such agreement being to be settled at the time of the exchange of the ratifications of this treaty. And all other expenses attending the said commissioners shall be defrayed equally by the two parties. And in the case of death, sickness, resignation, or necessary absence, the place of every such commissioner respectively shall be supplied in the same manner as such commissioner was first appointed, and the new commissioner shall take the same oath or affirmation, and do the same duties. It is further agreed between the two contracting parties, that in case any of the islands mentioned in any of the preceding articles, which were in the possession of one of the parties prior to the commencement of the present war between the two countries, should, by the decision of any of the boards of commissioners aforesaid, or of the sovereign or state so referred to, as in the four next preceding articles contained, fall within the dominions of the other party, all grants of land made previous to the commencement of the war by the party having had such possession, shall be as valid as if such island or islands, had by such decision or decisions, been adjudged to be within the dominions of the party having had such possession.

#### ARTICLE THE NINTH.

The United States of America engage to put an end immediately after the ratification of the present treaty, to hostilities with all the tribes or nations of Indians,

whom they may be at war at the time of such ratification; and forthwith to restore to such tribes or nations, respectively, all the possessions, rights and privileges, which they may have enjoyed or been entitled to, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, previous to such hostilities: *Provided always*, that such tribes or nations shall agree to desist from all hostilities, against the United States of America, their citizens and subjects, from the ratification of the present treaty being notified to such tribes or nations, and shall so desist accordingly. His Britannic Majesty engages, on his part, to put an end immediately after the ratification of the present treaty, to hostilities with all the tribes or nations of Indians with whom he may be at war at the time of such ratification, and forthwith to restore to such tribes or nations, respectively all the possessions, rights, and privileges, which they may have enjoyed or been entitled to, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, previous to such hostilities: *Provided always*, that such tribes or nations shall agree to desist from all hostilities against His Britannic Majesty and his subjects, from the

## ARTICLE THE ELEVENTH.

This treaty when the same shall have been ratified on both sides, without alteration by either of the contracting parties, and the ratifications mutually exchanged, shall be binding on both parties, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Washington, in the space of four months from this day, or sooner if practicable.

In faith whereof, we the respective plenipotentiaries have signed this treaty, and have thereunto affixed our seals.

Done in triplicate, at Ghent, the twenty-fourth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

(L. S.)	GAMBIER,
(L. S.)	HENRY GOULBURN,
(L. S.)	WILLIAM ADAMS,
(L. S.)	JOHN QUINCY ADAMS,
(L. S.)	J. A. BAYARD,
(L. S.)	H. CLAY,
(L. S.)	JONA. RUSSELL,
(L. S.)	ALBERT GALLATIN.

Now therefore, to the end that the said treaty of peace and amity may be observed with good faith, on the part of the United States, I, James Madison, president as aforesaid, have caused the premises to be made public and I do hereby enjoin all persons bearing office, civil or military, within the United States, and all others,

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as or inhabitants thereof, or being within the same,  
fully to observe and fulfil the said treaty and every  
and article thereof.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the seal  
of the United States to be affixed to these  
presents, and signed the same with my  
hand.

Done at the City of Washington, this eigh-  
teenth day of February, in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred and fif-  
teen, and of the sovereignty and independ-  
ence of the United States the thirty-  
ninth.

JAMES MADISON.

e President,

JAMES MONROE, 4th President of the United States.

## . APPENDIX.

**AN ALPHABETICAL LIST OF PRIVATEERS AND LETTERS-OF-MARQUE, WITH THE  
NAMES OF THE CAPTAINS, AND WHERE BELONGING, IN  
THE YEARS 1812, '13, AND '14.**

Denomination.	Names.	Commanders.	Where Belonging.
Privateer,	America,	Chever,	Salem.
Letter-of-Marque,	America,	Richardson,	Baltimore.
Letter-of-Marque,	Argus,	Snow,	Boston.
Privateer,	Atlas,	Maffet,	Philadelphia.
Privateer,	Alfred,	Williams,	Salem.
Privateer,	Alexander,	Crowningshield,	Salem.
Privateer,	Antelope,		Newburyport.
Letter-of-Marque,	Adeline,	Craycroft,	Philadelphia.
Privateer,	Anaconda,	Shaler,	New York.
Privateer,	Amelia,		Baltimore.
Privateer,	Active,	Patterson,	Salem.
Privateer,	Arrow,	Conklin,	New York.
Privateer,	Argo,		Baltimore.
Privateer,	Avon,	Snow & Nye,	Boston.
Privateer,	Abaellino,	Wyer,	Boston.
Privateer,	Buckskin,	Bray,	Salem.
Privateer,	Bona,	Dameron,	Baltimore.
Privateer,	Bunker Hill,	Lewis,	New York.
Privateer,	Benj. Franklin,	Ingersol,	New York.
Privateer,	Black-Joke,	Brown,	New York.
Letter-of-Marque,	Baltimore,		Baltimore.
Letter-of-Marque,	Bellona,		Philadelphia.
Letter-of-Marque,	Brutus,	Austin,	Boston.
Privateer,	Blakely,	Uran,	Boston.
Privateer,	Blockade,		Bristol.
Privateer,	Catherine,	Burnham,	Boston.
Letter-of-Marque,	Criterion,	Waterman,	New York.
Privateer,	Comet,	Boyle,	Baltimore.
Privateer,	China,		New York.



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Designation.	Names.	Commanders.	Where Belonging.
Privateer-of-Marque,	Clara,		Baltimore.
Privateer,	Caroline,	Almeda,	Baltimore.
Privateer-of-Marque,	Com. Decatur,	Brown,	Philadelphia.
Privateer,	Chasseur,	Boyle,	Baltimore.
Privateer,	Cossack,	Upton,	Salem.
Privateer,	Cadet,		Salem.
Privateer,	Curlew.	Wm. Wyer,	Boston.
Privateer,	Charles Morris,	Russell,	Boston.
Privateer-of-Marque.	Cossack,		Baltimore.
Privateer.	Chas. Stewart,	Purcell,	Boston.
Privateer.	Cumberland,		Salem.
Privateer,	Champlain,		Boston.
Privateer.	Castigator,		Salem.
Privateer,	Dolphin,	Stafford,	Baltimore.
Privateer,	Dolphin,	Endicot,	Salem.
Privateer,	Dromo,		Boston.
Privateer,	Decatur,	Nickols,	Newburyport.
Privateer,	Decatur,	Diron,	Charleston.
Privateer,	Dart,	Davis,	Salem.
Privateer,	Divided we fall	Cropsey,	New York.
Privateer,	Diomede,	Briggs,	Salem.
Privateer-of-Marque,	Delila,		Baltimore.
Privateer,	Delisle,		Baltimore.

Denomination.	Names.	Commanders.	Where Belonging.
Privateer,	Frolic,	Odiorne,	Salem.
Letter-of-Marque,	Flirt,	Storer,	New York.
Privateer,	Fairy,		Baltimore.
Letter-of-Marque,	Falcon,	George Wilson,	Baltimore.
Privateer,	Gov. McKean,		Philadelphia.
Privateer,	Globe,	Murphy,	Baltimore.
Privateer,	G. Washington,		Norfolk.
Privateer,	Gen. Armstrong,	Reid,	New York.
Privateer,	Gen. Putnam,	Evans,	Salem.
Privateer,	Growler,	Lindsey,	Salem.
Letter-of-Marque,	Gossamer,	Goodrich,	Boston.
Privateer,	Gallinipper,	Wellman,	Salem.
Privateer,	Gov. Tompkins,	Shaler,	New York.
Privateer,	Grand Turk,	Breed & Green,	Salem.
Privateer,	Gov. Gerry,		Fair Haven.
Letter-of-Marque,	Gypsy,		New York.
Privateer,	Gov. Plumer,	Mudge,	Portsmouth.
Privateer,	Guerriere,	Barnham,	Portsmouth.
Letter-of-Marque,	Grampus,	Murphy,	Baltimore.
Privateer,	Gen. Stark,		Salem.
Letter-of-Marque,	Galloway,		New York.
Privateer,	George Little,	Spooner,	Boston.
Privateer,	High Flyer,	Gavet,	Baltimore.
Privateer,	Hunter,	Upton,	Boston.
Privateer,	Holkar,	Rowland,	New York.
Privateer,	Hyder Ali,	Thorndike,	Boston.
Letter-of-Marque,	Hero,	Waterman,	New York.
Privateer,	Hornet,	Frost,	Baltimore.
Privateer,	Hero,		Newbern.
Privateer,	Hawk,		Washington.
Privateer,	Hazard,	Le Chantier,	New York.
Letter-of-Marque,	Henry Guildler,		New York.
Privateer,	Harrison,		Baltimore.
Privateer,	Harlequin,	E. D. Brown,	Portsmouth.
Letter-of-Marque,	Herald,		New York.
Privateer,	Harpy,	Nichols,	Baltimore.
Letter-of-Marque,	Hope,		Philadelphia.
Privateer,	Industry,		Marblehead.
Privateer,	Isaac Hull,		New York.
Privateer,	Invincible,		New York.

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Location.	Names.	Commanders.	Where Belonging.
eer,	Ino,	White,	Boston.
-of-Marque,	Ida,	Mantor,	Boston.
eer,	Jefferson,	Kehew,	Salem.
eer,	John,	Crowningshield and Fairfield.	Salem.
eer,	John & George,		Salem.
eer,	Joel Barlow,		Boston.
eer,	Jacks Favorite,	Johnson & Miller,	New York.
-of-Marque,	Jonquill,	Carman,	New York.
-of-Marque,	JAMES Monroe,	Skinner,	New York.
eer,	Joseph & Mary	Wescott,	Baltimore.
-of-Marque,	Jacob Jones,	Roberts,	Boston.
eer,	Kemp,	Jacobs,	Baltimore.
eer,	Leo,		Boston.
eer,	Lion,		Marblehead.
eer,	Leander,		Baltimore.
eer,	Leader,		Providence.
-of-Marque,	Leo,	Coggeshall,	Baltimore.
eer,	Liberty,	Pratt,	Baltimore.
eer,	Lady Madison,		Charleston.
eer,	Lovely Lass,		Wilmington.
eer,	Lovely Cordelia,		Charleston.
eer,	Lark,	Banker.	New York.
-of-Marque,	Lottery,	Southcomb,	Baltimore.

Denomination.	Names.	Commanders.	Where Belonging.
Privateer,	Mammoth,		Baltimore.
Privateer,	Macdonough,		Rhode Island.
Privateer,	Macdonough,		Boston.
Privateer,	Morgianna,		New York.
Privateer,	Nonsuch,	Levely,	Baltimore.
Privateer,	Nonpareil,		Charleston.
Privateer,	Nancy,	Smart,	Salem.
Letter-of-Marque,	Ned,	Dawson,	Baltimore.
Letter-of-Marque,	Orlando,	Babson,	Gloucester.
Privateer,	Owl,	Duncan,	Salem.
Privateer,	Orders in Council,	} Howard,	New York.
Privateer,	Polly,	Handy,	Salem.
Privateer,	Paul Jones,	Hazzard,	New York.
Privateer,	Patriot,	Merihew,	New York.
Privateer,	Poor Sailor,		Charleston.
Letter-of-Marque,	Pilot,		Baltimore.
Privateer,	Patapsco,	Mortimer,	Baltimore.
Privateer,	Prince de Neufchâtel,	} Ordronaux,	New York.
Privateer,	Providence,	Hopkins,	Newport.
Privateer,	Perry,	Coleman,	Baltimore.
Privateer,	Pike,		Baltimore.
Privateer,	Portsmouth,	John Sinclair & T. M. Shaw,	} Portsmouth.
Privateer,	Rapid,		Charleston.
Privateer,	Rossie,	Barney,	Baltimore.
Privateer,	Rosamond,	Campan,	New York.
Privateer,	Revenge,	Sinclair,	Salem.
Privateer,	Revenge,	Miller,	Baltimore.
Privateer,	Revenge,		Philadelphia.
Privateer,	Regulator,	Mansfield,	Salem.
Privateer,	Rover,	Ferris,	New York.
Privateer,	Right of Search,		New York.
Privateer,	Retaliation,	Newton,	New York.
Privateer,	Rolla,	Dooley,	Baltimore.
Letter-of-Marque,	Rambler,	Edes,	Boston.
Privateer,	Rattlesnake,	Maffet,	Philadelphia.
Privateer,	Roger,	Quarles,	Norfolk.
Privateer,	Resolution.		Baltimore.

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Name.	Names.	Commanders.	Where Belonging.
Reindeer,	Reindeer,	Snow,	Boston.
Ranger,	Ranger,		Boston.
Snow-bird,	Snow-bird,		Marblehead.
Sword-fish,	Sword-fish,		Salem.
Spencer,	Spencer,		Philadelphia.
r-of-Marque,	Siro,		Baltimore.
Sarah Ann,	Sarah Ann,	Moon,	Baltimore.
Saratoga,	Saratoga,	Champlin,	New York.
Saucy Jack,	Saucy Jack,	Chazel,	Charleston.
Sparrow,	Sparrow,	Burch,	Baltimore.
Shadow,	Shadow,	Taylor,	Philadelphia.
Swallow,	Swallow,		New York.
Spy,	Spy,		New Orleans.
Snap Dragon,	Snap Dragon,		Newbern.
r-of-Marque,	Sabine,		Baltimore.
Swiftsure,	Swiftsure,		
Surprise,	Surprise,	Barnes,	Baltimore.
Surprise,	Surprise,		Salem.
Scourge,	Scourge,	Nicoll,	New York.
Shark,	Shark,		New York.
Syren,	Syren,		Baltimore.
Scorpion,	Scorpion,	Osborn,	Salem.
r-of-Marque,	Sphinx,		Boston.
r-of-Marque,	Sine-aqua-mun,	Pond,	New York.

Denomination.	Names.	Commanders.	Where Belonging.
Privateer,	Terrible,		Salem.
Privateer,	Timothy Pickering,		Salem.
Letter-of-Marque,	Tuckahoe,		Baltimore.
Privateer,	Tomahawk,	Besom,	
Privateer,	Two Friends,		Barnstable.
Privateer,	Unit'd westand Story,		New York.
Privateer,	Union,	Hicks,	New York.
Privateer,	Viper,		Salem.
Privateer,	Volunteer,		New York.
Letter-of-Marque,	Viper,	Dithurbide,	New York.
Letter-of-Marque,	Volant,	Perley,	Boston.
Privateer,	Wily Reynard, Riggs,		Boston.
Privateer,	Wasp,		Philadelphia.
Privateer,	Wasp,	Taylor,	Baltimore.
Privateer,	Wasp,	Erving,	Salem.
Letter-of-Marque,	Water Witch,		New York.
Privateer,	Water Witch,		Bristol.
Privateer,	Whig,		Baltimore.
Privateer,	Warrior,	Champlin,	New York.
Privateer,	Xebec Ultor,		Baltimore.
Privateer,	Yankee,	Wilson & Smith,	Bristol.
Privateer,	Young Eagle,		New York.
Privateer,	Yorktown,	Story,	New York.
Privateer,	Young Teazer, Dobson,		New York.
Privateer,	Young Wasp,		Philadelphia.
Privateer,	York,	Staples,	Baltimore.
Privateer,	Yankee Lass,	Churchill,	

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THE whole number of privateers and private-armed  
 that were commissioned as cruising vessels,  
 all others actively engaged in commerce during our  
 with Great Britain, in the years 1812, 1813 and  
 , were two hundred and fifty sail. They be-  
 ed to the different ports in the United States, as  
 ws :

From Baltimore, . . . . .	58
“ New York, . . . . .	55
“ Salem, . . . . .	40
“ Boston, . . . . .	31
The True-Blooded Yankee was owned in	
Boston, but fitted out of France,	1
From Philadelphia, . . . . .	14
“ Portsmouth, N. H., . . . . .	11
“ Charleston, . . . . .	10
“ Marblehead, . . . . .	4
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“ Portland, . . . . .	3
“ Newburyport, . . . . .	2

## NOTES AND EXPLANATIONS.

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### CHAPTER I.

THIS chapter principally treats of the preparations for the war ; the fitting out of small privateers, the embargo, etc., with a full account of the United States frigate *Constitution*, Captain Isaac Hull, his being chased for three days by an English fleet, and finally making his escape, and his safe arrival at Boston ; also, his cruise, and capture of his Majesty's frigate *Guerriere*, on the 19th of August, 1812. The Privateer brig *Anaconda*, named in this chapter, was a beautiful vessel, she was built in Middletown, Connecticut, and owned in New York. She carried sixteen carriage guns, and one hundred and sixty men. She was commanded by —— Shaler, and made a great many valuable prizes, but was finally captured by a large number of British boats, while at anchor at Ocracock, N. C.

### CHAPTER II.

The famous Commodore Barney, after his first successful cruise in the privateer-schooner *Rossie*, of Baltimore, arrived at Newport, on the 30th of August, 1812. See Index.



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### CHAPTER III.

attle between the United States frigate United States  
the British frigate Macedonian. See Index.

### CHAPTER IV.

the privateer-schooner General Armstrong, belonged  
New York, and was a formidable vessel. She made a  
many prizes, was commanded by Captain Guy R.  
plin, who had a severe battle with a British frigate  
rinam river, on the 11th of March, 1813, and after  
ing much damage, made her escape. This vessel  
subsequently commanded by Captain Samuel C. Reid,  
made an unparalleled defence against the English,  
harbor of Fayal, where she was finally destroyed  
British men-of-war, in a neutral port, on the 27th  
ober, 1814.

quently by — Oxnard. She had an American commission, and sailed under the American flag, but always fitted, and sailed out of French ports, viz., Brest, l'Orient, and Morlaix.

This vessel was very successful. She cruised the greatest part of the war in the British and Irish Channels and made a large number of rich prizes. These she generally sent into French ports ; sometimes, however, she sent a few to the United States.

The privateer-schooner *Saratoga*, spoken of in this chapter, belonged to New York. She was a powerful vessel. On her first cruise she was commanded by — Ricker, who made some prizes. On her second cruise she was commanded by Charles W. Wooster, who captured the British letter-of-marque brig *Rachel*, after a well-fought battle.

Her third commander was the celebrated Guy R. Champlin, who made a great many very valuable prizes. Though this vessel had several battles with the enemy, she ran all the war without being captured.

## CHAPTER VI.

The well known privateer *Decatur*, of Charleston, figures conspicuously in this chapter.

The schooner *David Porter*, also here spoken of, under the command of George Coggeshall, was a letter-of-marque, and belonged to New York. She made a successful cruise in the Bay of Biscay, and was subsequently sold in Boston, from which port she sailed as a privateer, and made several cruises under the command of — Fish.

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### CHAPTER VII.

The well known and gallant Captain David Maffet, of Philadelphia, spoken of in this chapter, first commanded privateer-schooner Atlas, and made many captures. Subsequently commanded the Rattlesnake, and made at many prizes. He vanquished the enemy in several hard-fought battles.

The little Saucy Jack, of Charleston, also mentioned in this chapter, figured conspicuously throughout the war.

### CHAPTER VIII.

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### CHAPTER IX.

New York. On several of her first cruises, she was commanded by — Johnson, and made several prizes. She was subsequently commanded by — Miller.

#### CHAPTER X.

The privateer-ship *America*, alluded to in this chapter, was a well-armed and well-manned vessel. She was very conspicuous and very fortunate during the whole war. She belonged to Salem, and was commanded by I. W. Chever. Perhaps this vessel made more money for her owners, captain, officers and crew, than any other privateer, cruising out of the United States.

The heroic Captain Boyle commanded two privateers during the war, viz., the *Comet*, and afterwards the *Chasseur*. She captured a great many prizes, and vanquished the enemy in several hard-fought battles. See Index.

#### CHAPTER XI.

Captain Reid's famous defence of the privateer-schooner *General Armstrong*, at Fayal.

During the several years of the war, the number of privateers and letters-of-marque belonging to New York, amounted to 55. Of all the captains who commanded these vessels, but two are living at the present time, — Captain Reid, and the author of these pages.



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